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MEMBER SUGGESTIONS FOR A BETTER CCC

With the 1989 Dues notice, I included a questionnaire, asking you, the CCC membership, the following:

(1) What do you like the best about the CCC?

Here, the answers were varied, including "lectures/presentations, informal tips on good shows and dealers, comraderie, the featured speakers, show and tell, the membership, emphasis on numismatic education and the "Chatter".

(2) Given the chance, what aspect of the CCC would you change or improve?

The answers from many members to this question struck a few similar notes. One of the easiest and most sensible suggestions by many is that we move the meeting time back to 7:00 pm from the current 7:30 pm. This may draw in more members who work downtown. It also holds the possibility of drawing some junior members, as our adjournment time would then be earlier. It would also give us more leeway if a meeting stretches a little too long.

It was also suggested that an attempt be made to make the meetings as informal as possible, and to provide a free period of about 10 to 15 minutes after the evening's featured speaker to allow open discussion among the members, a time to share our enjoyment of the hobby.

Many comments were made about bringing in new members, new faces, new ideas. It was also suggested that we contact past members to ask why they dropped out, and to see if we can lure them back. Two names that came up were Saul Needleman, and especially Rich Hartzog. Both were strong collectors with a lot to offer who were simply lost in CCC politics.

It was suggested by a few that the membership dues be reduced. Sorry, but the dues barely cover the $9 to $12 per year to print and mail the "Chatter" to each of you, if at all. What I would like to see is a small subsidy for the annual banquet. Attendance was pathetic this year, and something has to be done.

Finally, it was suggested that our literary program be improved. Further discussion on this subject will occur in the immediate future.

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The main points suggested above can be implemented in little time, most with little effort. As I have said before, we have come so far, and yet we still have so far to go. Let's all get to it, pronto!

(3) What would you like to see in the "Chatter" that is not included presently?

Here, the responses were more complimentary than I had hoped, although Harry X Boosel suggested privately that the "Chatter" be mailed earlier. In response, one of my priorities in 1989 will be to get the "Chatter" in your hands exactly one week before the meetings.

What I would like to see in the "Chatter" is more input from all of you. **REGIONAL NEWS** does not exist without input from the local clubs in the Chicago area, which count many of you as members. **MEMBER PROFILE** does not exist without you, telling us how you started collecting, what other interests that you have, and how you view the future of our hobby. **KEEPING IN TOUCH** does not exist without letters from you out-of-town members to let us know how you're doing. **NUMISTRIVIA** and **NUMISQUOTES** do not exist without your input. And to all members, if you can scribble with a crayon on a rock, I'll edit it and print it in the "Chatter". I promise.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

26- Jennie Sochon
27- Matthew F. Wojtazek, Sr.

CCC OFFICERS

President-	Robert Leonard
First Vice President-	Andrew Michyeta
Second V. President-	Pete Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer-	David Simpson
Archivist-	Carl Wolf
Editor-	Joseph R. O'Connor
Immediate Past Pres.-	Charles Ricard
Director-	Joseph Tomasko

CCC BOOK CLUB

Several months ago, it was decided to provide those CCC members interested a way to add to their numismatic libraries while saving a little cash. The first offering was all of the publications of Bowers & Merena, all at 40% off of list with the exception of Breen's Encyclopedia, which was available at $43. The response to this offering was expected to be in excess of $200, in order to buy directly from Bowers & Merena. I received one order for $43, hardly enough to buy direct. I have an alternate plan, that is, if someone is willing to become one of the active members of the CCC. If someone is willing to keep up a little paperwork, I'll set up the contact so that the club can buy numismatic books at wholesale prices. This person should attend most of the meetings, be organized, and be able to keep some simple records. A big plus would be if this same person would be willing and able to write a short book report now and then. We still have a few members who would rather sit back and complain about how things are done instead of standing up to show us all the correct way. Any volunteers?

DOLLARS — DRAPED BUST, SMALL EAGLE

1795–1798

OUR HERITAGE

by Carl Wolf
Club Archivist

80 YEARS AGO **JANUARY 1909**

William Taft was inaugurated as our 27th President. Collier's magazine would report during 1909 that one Iowa farmer in 34 had a motorcar. They would call the motorcar the single greatest social force in America - greater even than rural free mail delivery, the telephone, or university extension services.

No record could be found of the January, 1909 meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society. But the January issue of The Numismatist reported that the Society had issued bronze, 50 mm. medals to commemorate their fifth anniversary. The obverse showed the Society's seal. Six reverse dies were needed to strike medals for each yearly group of members who joined its ranks during those years.

60 YEARS AGO **JANUARY 1929**

Herbert Hoover was inaugurated as the 31st President, Kodak introduced 16 mm. color movie film, and Bell Laboratories was beginning to experiment with color television.

The 119th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order January 2, 1929, with 42 members and guests present. **R. E. Davis** was installed as the new President and he immediately made the necessary appointments. Some of the evenings thirteen exhibitors were: **Mr. Stevens**, quarter dollars from 1807 to 1927; **Mr. McKinley**, 18 Papal medals; **Mr. Backe**, complete sets of small cents and nickel 5-cent pieces, all proofs; **Mr. Wittenborn**, 21 freak U.S. coins, and a complete set of small cents from 1856 to 1928, uncirculated and proof; **Mr. Josephson**, 19 pieces from ancient China; **Ernst Jonas**, show leather money from Possnick; **Mr. Cederlund**, 28 counterstamped thalers from Russia, and 16 1 and 2-stivers bonk from Java; **R. E. Davis**, cents from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Jersey, also Annapolis shilling and sixpence; and **Mr. Vogel**, 1796 ½ eagle, 1795 ½ eagle, 1795 eagle, and an 1854 and 1855 Kellogg $20.

40 YEARS AGO **JANUARY 1949**

Northwestern University went to the Rose Bowl and beat California 20-14! Way to go Cats!!! Harry Truman was inaugurated President of the U.S.

The 360th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held January 4, 1949 with 68 members and 4 guests present. The following were elected to membership: **Earl L. Simpson, Adolph J. Sinkula, Frank J. Hoening** and **Duane R. Kelley.** **J. Henri Ripstra** installed the new officers for the year. They were: President, **Glenn R. Ostrander**, 1st V.P., **Glenn B. Smedley**, 2nd V.P., **Mrs. Marcella Sheldon**, Secretary-Treasurer, **Earl C. Brown**, and Directors: **I.T. Kopicki, Thomas Shugrue** and **Noble E. Olson.** Some of the exhibits were: **Mr. Bebee**, a complete type set of $1 notes; **Col. Curtis**, a type set of pattern dollars; **Mr. Ostrander**, and 1848 Cambodia tical, a 1908 Salvador colon, and a 1921 Russian star ruble; adn **Mr. Lindall** who exhibited a large variety of U.S. material which included a collection of freak coins, 1921 & 1895 proof dollars, 1864 3¢ proof, 1822 proof half dollar, 1916 proof cent, 1894s proof quarter, an 1887 over 1886 proof 3¢ nickel, and an 1871, 1885, and 1916 proof nickels.

20 YEARS AGO **JANUARY 1969**

On January 8, 1969, the members of the Chicago Coin Club celebrated their 600th meeting and 50th anniversary at a dinner meeting at

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Harding's Restaurant. Seventy-Seven hardy souls braved the bad weather to come out and enjoyed a meal of prime rib. A silver and bronze anniversary medal was distributed, in addition to a 600th meeting brass token. **Glenn B. Smedley**, was presented with the first Cabeen Award, and **Gerda Birkholz** was presented with the 1968 Medal of Merit for all her work, especially in the area of exhibits and leading educational functions. A.N.A. President **Matt Rothert** was also present and he installed the new officers for the upcoming year.

DECEMBER MINUTES
December 14, 1988

The December 14, 1988 meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Charles Ricard at 8:25 p.m. The meeting followed the club's annual banquet at the Bismark Hotel. Attendance was 24, including guests Lynne O'Connor, Holly Klotz, Mel Frear, Janet Leonard, Ester Goldberg, and Bess Flower.

President Ricard entered the slate of candidates suggested by the nominating committee. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was elected unanimously.

President Ricard announced that starting with the January meeting, the club will hold its meetings at the office of Checker, Simon & Rosner, 1 South Wacker Drive, 17th floor.

A motion was passed that the normal order of business be dispensed with. At this point, Mr. Ricard directed the membership to imbibe in further drinks (soft and otherwise), courtesy of Rarcoa, while the evening's featured speaker was setting up his presentation.

The program was "Primitive Money and Other Curiosities from the South Pacific and the Orient" presented by Carl Wolf, and illustrated by examples from the Michael Powills Collection. The slide presentation showed interesting examples from the Pacific Basin area, and was accompanied by Carl's many interesting stories about the value and usage of the pieces shown.

Following the program, Andrew Michyeta presented exhibitor awards. He noted that there had been 80 exhibits and 18 exhibitors in the last year. Top award was won by Charles Ricard, with the silver second place taken by Harry Flower (who also had the highest single score for an exhibit). Honorable mention awards were won by Hugh Cooper, Harry x Boosel, Robert Leonard, Andrew Michyeta, and Carl Wolf.

President Ricard presented ANA certificates to club speakers. Recipients were Dave Simpson, Dave Henkle, Harry X Boosel, Harry Flower, Joseph O'Connor, Joel Reznick, and Robert Leonard.

Joseph O'Connor, in addition to making some inspirational comments about the club, announced that the winner of the Susan B. Anthony contest, which he had run in a recent issue of the "Chatter", was Dave Simpson. He was awarded a 1989 Red Book and third edition ANA Grading Guide.

Harry X Boosel swore in new officers, after which Robert Leonard, newly installed President, presented a silver Past Presidents Medal to Charles Ricard.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David E. Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

NUMISCRAMBLE

The rules here are very simple. Find all of the words in the word list below among the alphabet jumble that follows. Identify the missing letters, noted by a "?", and use them to fill in the blanks at the bottom of the page to spell the name of a well known numismatic person. The solution will appear in the February "Chatter". Good luck!

AHWASH, BOLENDER, BROCKAGE, CHAPMAN, CINCINNATI, CROSBY, DOUBLE EAGLE, ELIASBERG, FLANAGAN, FRASER, FUGIO, GOBRECHT, GRANT, JEFFERSON NICKEL, LONGACRE, MEHL, MILLER, MORGAN, NEWCOMB, NORWEB, NUMISMATIC NEWS, OREGON TRAIL, PHILADELPHIA MINT, SHELDON, SINNOCK, SPANISH TRAIL, STELLA, TEXAS, TRIME, WHEAT CENT

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GRADING - THE GREAT DEBATE
(Continued from October 1988)

This "expansion" of Sheldon's numerical grading scale is estimated to have generated more "Letters to the Editors" in the numismatic press than any other subject in American numismatics. The counterargument, which is almost always presented in support of this "grade expansion" is that as the values of coins of two sequential grades continue to widen, there exists a need to create a label for those coins which fall between the cracks, those $300 coins that are better than $150 Mint State-64s, yet not quite good enough to qualify as Mint State-65 and trade at say, $550. Well, given any number of coins, one hundred, one thousand, an attempt can be made to place them in order from worst to best, assigning each a different grade. However, at this point, our desire to be as accurate as possible may overwhelm that very person for which we engage in this exercise, the collector.

I believe that the "preciseness" of our grading standards has developed to the point where this part of the language of numismatics is clear enough to convey meaning and yet understandable enough to be widely used and accepted. There are those that believe we have gone too far, those that relish the memory of the days of Brilliant Uncirculated, Choice BU and Gem BU, just as there are those who believe in Mint State-64.5 and the future of grading by lasers and computers. For you, the collector, the important thought to remember is that no matter how precise we endeavor to develop our grading standards, there will always be some coin that falls between the cracks, and that this new level of quality, represented by the $300 Mint State-64+ coin in the example above, does not necessarily need a new official label or grade.

Just in case you feel that you've gotten in over your head, there are now many organizations available to grade your coins for you, for a fee, of course. The oldest of the current "Big Three" is the American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS), an arm of the not-for-profit A.N.A. The two other major grading services currently in operation are the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) and Numismatic Guaranty Corporation of America (NGCA). While I favor NGCA, all three have their Achille's heels. Without an in-depth discussion of their role in numismatics, which would provide a lively debate just in itself, let me say that as a group, they have not only interpreted grading standards, but redefined them. Their chapter in grading history is still being written.

After reading both parts of this short discussion on a very difficult numismatic subject, you may find that I have raised more questions than I have answered. That's okay. I'm not sure that we'll ever come to any final conclusions in the ongoing debate on the subject of Grading.

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JANUARY CCC MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 1989

7:30 PM

At the offices of

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17th Floor

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PETE JORSTAD

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MINUTES OF THE 840TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
January 11, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm. The December minutes were corrected to read Esther Goldberg rather than Ester Goldberg, but were otherwise approved as printed in the "Chatter". The Treasurer's report was approved as read. Visitors were Esther Goldberg and Mel Frear.

The speaker was Saul Needleman, talking about "Thomas Paine in Numismatics." Following his address, Dr. Needleman was presented with a speaker's medal by Drew Michyeta.

The Club was informed that the April meeting will be held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair on Saturday afternoon, April 8, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Speaker will be Hillel Kaslove, Curator of the National Currency Collection, Bank of Canada, on a not-yet-named topic. Carl Wolf asked for coin and book donations for the youth auction to be held at the CICF. He also asked for volunteers to man the ANA/CCC tables at the CICF.

Discussion was held about changing the meeting time to 7:00pm. No conclusion was reached, and the subject will be brought up again.

Pete Jorstad gave a brief comment on Checkers, Simon, and Rosner, the accounting firm providing the new meeting room.

Exhibits were presented by Drew Michyeta (Spanish 2 Reales of 1718), Charles Ricard (National Bank of Auburn, NY check of Nov. 20, 1870 and bond draft of the First National Bank of Binghamton, NY, of June 14, 1869), Saul Needleman (St. Patrick's Token and the speaker's article in The Numismatist), Harry Flower (medal featuring the Angel of Death), Ben Odesser (Troop C, 5th Cavalry 2.5¢ token, and a bar token - 1458 So. 41st Court, Chicago), Bill Mock (Florence 13th century Groso), Bill Shepard (Morgan Dollars 1879-CC and 1880/79-CC in government holders), Carl Wolf (1883 Indian Cent found 1/5/89, and two African throwing knives used in the Congo for money), and William Swoger (Saxe Meininger taler of 1692, IOOF piece, and uniface pewter medal of 1929). The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

The minutes were taken by Pete Jorstad in the absence of the Secretary.

OUR HERITAGE

by Carl Wolf
Club Archivist

80 YEARS AGO **FEBRUARY 1909**

Prospector Benny Hollinger pursued reports of "white rocks" in the Porcupine Lake area of eastern Ontario and would bring about a gold strike that would turn Canada into the world's third largest gold producer after South Africa and Russia. When Canadian gold production would peak in 1941, they would have 146 gold mines in operation.

The 61st meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held February 5, 1909, with President Virgil Brand presiding. Two papers were read - "My First Attempt", by **Mitchell Baker**, and "Jewish Copper Shekels", by **Chester Dunham.** The exhibitors for the evening were **Mr. McDonald** (a rare Chicago card), **Virgil Brand** (a Venetian gold ten zecchimi, and a Washington and Independence Cent in gold, one of only two known), **Ben Green** (some rare Canadian tokens), and **Wm. Dunham** (imitations of Egyptian glass money).

60 YEARS AGO **FEBRUARY 1929**

Gang warefare in Chicago reached a new peak of brutality on the morning of February 14, 1929, in what became known around the world as the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Seven members of the George "Bugs" Moran gang were rubbed out at a North Clark Street garage which served as a bootleg liquor depot.

Eight days before, on February 6, the 120th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held with 45 members and guests present. **E.H. Blitz, M.H. Bolender**, and **Francis Baito** were elected into membership. **R.E. Davis** read a paper on fractional currency. A huge amount of material was shown by seven exhibitors, including **R.E. Davis** (15 coins of Washington), **Mr. Kelly** (banknote of the State of Georgia, two notes issued by the People's Banking Co. of Lewisburg, Ohio, and ten U.S. banknotes, all with errors), **Mr. Jackson** (a complete collection of commemorative half dollars), **Mr. Sternberg** (one of the finest known 1823 quarter dollars, uncirculated), **Mr. Cederlund** (a Russian counterstamped coin and a U.S. Trade Dollar of 1873, counterstamped on the obverse).

40 YEARS AGO **FEBRUARY 1949**

In 1949, a two bedroom U.S. home sold for $10,000 while a five bedroom New York apartment rented for $110 per month.

The 361st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held February 1, 1949, with 62 members and 3 guests present. **Arthur M. Kagin, Abe Kosoff, E.L. Salisbury** and **Maurice Friedman** were elected to membership. **Glenn Smedley** spoke about the upcoming Club exhibit in the Public Library during National Coin Week and the publicity it would receive. Some of the evening's exhibitors were **Glenn Smedley** (20 foreign coins, each struck in a particular design, denomination, or metal in only one year), **M. Vernon Sheldon** (11 silver medals including the Versailles Peace Medal, the Hoover Gratitude Medal from Belgium, the Boxer Rebellion, the Argentine School Medal, and art medals from Brenner, Dupre, and Vernon), **Mr. Lindall** (a complete set of Boone Commemorative Half Dollars), **Ernst Jonas** (a large medal of George Washington by Saint-Gaudens), **Col. Curtis** (an altered date 1804 silver dollar, and a uniface die strike in nickel of the obverse die of the 1916 McKinley Gold Dollar), and **Earl Brown** (1947 regular and maple leaf Canadian Silver Dollars). **J. Henri**

Ripstra then gave an excellent talk on Abraham Lincoln, who he felt was divinely guided. He mentioned that 7,500 books had been written about Lincoln, and that he possessed 901 in his own personal library.

20 YEARS AGO **FEBRUARY 1969**

The 601st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held February 12, 1969, with 46 members and guests present. **G.A. Burr** of Chicago was elected into membership. The speaker for the evening was **Gerda Birkholz** on George Washington. Slides taken on a recent trip to the Williamsburg, VA area helped in making her talk interesting. After reports given by the organizing committees for the upcoming Central States Numismatic Society convention which the Club was hosting, exhibits were given by **Harry X Boosel, Dennis Forgue, William Pettit, Gary Krug** and **Howard Eisenberg.**

WAY BACK ON ...

February 5, 1912, nickels were struck for the first time at the Denver Mint.

February 9, 1793, Congress authorized foreign coins as legal tender.

February 10, 1870, the Carson City Mint delivered its first coinage - silver dollars.

February 13, 1980, the U.S. Assay Commission met for the last time.

February 23, 1876, the issue of fractional currency came to an end.

February 28, 1878, the Bland-Allison silver purchase act was passed, providing for issue of silver certificates.

MINUTES OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Robert Leonard at 11:15am on January 14, 1989. In attendance were Andrew Michyeta, Carl Wolf, Charles Ricard and President Leonard.

A brainstorming session was held to generate and consider program ideas for the coming year, and a good start was made on the 1989 schedule (see **COMING ATTRACTIONS**). The board is actively searching for a person to assume the responsibility of General Chairman for the 1991 ANA Convention in Chicago; several names were discussed, but no action was taken at the meeting. Board members were requested to seek out the views of members of the club concerning possible candidates. This is primarily a people management position, as approximately 15 committees have to be formed, guided, and motivated. Previous experience with club or regional coin shows and ANA conventions would be very desirable. It is not necessary to reside in Chicago. The ANA will provide as much help as possible, including reimbursement of telephone expenses, etc.

Charles Ricard proposed that the literary awards program be modified to encourage greater participation by the membership. He will investigate this and report to the membership at a regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Leonard,
President.

COMING ATTRACTIONS
1989 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Feb. 8- Douglas O. Rosenberg on the subject of Swedish Plate Money

Mar. 8- Carl Harper: "Money as an Abstract Value"

Apr. 8- Hillel Kaslove, Curator of the National Currency Collection, Bank of Canada

May 10- Robert J. Leuver, Executive Director of the ANA: "The ANA Today"

June 14- Dr. Martin Miller, Loyola University, on the subject of Ancient Macedonian Coins

Oct. 11- Auction

Dec. 13- CCC Banquet

Several other programs are confirmed, but have not yet been scheduled.

ODDS AND ENDS

- Following an order for 48 copies of Perspectives in Numismatics from Bowers and Merena, less than 25% of the edition remains to be sold. With a continued sales effort this year, we should go out of print this year or next. (Robt. Leonard)

- Volunteers are needed at the ANA Information Table at this year's CICF. Steve Taylor (ANA President), Florence Schook and Nancy Wilson will all be there to say "Hello", shake hands, and lend an ear. So, if you're in the volunteering spirit, contact Carl Wolf at (312) 454-9696. And don't forget, donations are needed for the Junior Program, so start bringing them in now.

- Jim Grebinger, Past President of the Chicago Coin Club, turned over the 1968 file of his dealings with the IRS in regaining our tax exempt status. The file has been added to the archives. (Carl Wolf)

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02- Tillie Boosel
21- William Boss
22- Nilton Garcia

JANUARY NUMISCRAMBLE ANSWER

From left to right, top to bottom, the missing letters were:

W R E L E N E T B A R

Correctly unscramble them, and they spell the name of a well known numismatic person:

WALTER BREEN

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60 YEARS AGO MARCH 1929

In 1929, 71% of U.S. families had incomes below $2,500, which was generally considered the minimum necessary for a decent standard of living. The average weekly wage of an American was $28.00!

The 121st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 2, 1929, with 53 members and guests present. R.H. Jaenicke of Milwaukee was elected to membership. C. Sam Carlsen presented a particularly long exhibit consisting of Viking Coinage, coins issued in England and Ireland by Scandinavian pirates, erroneously called Vikings, from about 870 A.D. to 1042 in England and 1170 in Ireland. Some of the evening's other exhibitors were Dr. Rackus (several wonderful specimens of extremely rare 10th to 15th century silver bar money of Lithuania), Ted Leon (gold-dollar-sized coins from Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Peru, and Sweden, in addition to twelve gold pieces from the English Jubilee), and Mr. Cederlund (counterstamped coins of the world).

40 YEARS AGO MARCH 1949

This was the year that General Mills and Pillsbury introduced that time-saving invention - prepared cake mix! Chicago baker, Charles Lubin, 44, introduced a ready-made cheesecake. He had founded a company the year before and named it after his daughter. He called it the Kitchens of Sara Lee.

The 362nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 1, 1949 with 91 members and 10 guests present. Elizabeth Kelley and Joseph C. Stoesser were elected to membership. The club voted to contribute $25 to the 1949 American Red Cross. Mr. Saab, who had recently returned from Egypt, gave an interesting talk and described his visit with His Majesty, King Farouk I. Some of the evening's exhibitors included Mr. Giello (commemorative medallions of the Spanish American War, and the Truman Inaugural Medal), Mr. Lindall (complete set of Arkansas Half Dollars), Harry X Boosel (presidential medals received with bubble gum, with an added note that his trick tie was better than his exhibit), and Mr. Doak (a handbill passed out against the gold standard from 1865).

20 YEARS AGO MARCH 1969

In 1969 Chicago's John Hancock Center, with 100 floors, was completed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill. Thor Heyerdahl of 1947 Kontiki fame crossed much, but not all of the Atlantic Ocean in a papyrus raft he called Ra.

Fifty members attended the 602nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club on March 12, 1969. The featured program of the evening was the showing of the film "Let's Take a Trip", which showed the step by step production of medals at Medallic Art Company. Since this was the last evening for members to order bronze 50th anniversary medals which were being produced by Medallic Art, members found it most interesting. The Minutes don't reflect what was exhibited, but the evening's exhibitors were Gerda Birkholz, Glenn Smedley, Ed Kellar, Gary Krug, Harry X Boosel, and William Hoppe.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS
01- Charlotte Nagy
04- Edgar W. Keller
07- James R. Budd
07- Bruno Rzepka
08- Louis Bergmann
11- George Lill III
14- Donald R. Srbeny
16- Joseph T. Tomasko
19- Charles J. Ricard
20- Sidney Bick
25- D.B. Silberman, Jr.
29- Arthur C. Allen
29- Nancy Wilson
31- Andrew Michyeta

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MARCH CCC MEETING MARCH 8, 1989
7:30 PM 1 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 17TH FLOOR
AT THE OFFICES OF CHECKER, SIMON & ROSNER
The featured speaker will be
CARL HARPER: "MONEY AS AN ABSTRACT VALUE"
Don't miss this one, as Mr. Michyeta promises it
to be a view of numismatics from a different angle!
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In case you haven't noticed by now, the "Chatter" has a somewhat different look, compliments of a COMPAQ Deskpro 286 and Microsoft "WORKS". Hopefully, by the April issue I'll have this thing under my control, instead of it controlling me!!

WILLIAM PETTIT JOINS AMBASSADOR RANKS

From Numismatic News, March 21, 1989

William A. Pettit of Iola, Wis., has been presented with the second Numismatic Ambassador Award of 1989. The presentation was made by Numismatic News publisher Clifford Mishler at the Nicolet Coin Club's annual banquet held Feb. 28 in Green Bay, Wis.

Pettit, an active numismatist since the 1950s, is particularly noted for his representation of Chicago area coin clubs and through his work as a professional numismatist.

In the past, Pettit was keenly involved in the Chicago Coin Club. He served the club as president and received the organization's Medal of Merit in 1987. He also captured the CCC's top exhibit award for his monthly exhibits.

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APRIL CHICAGO COIN CLUB MEETING
APRIL 8, 1989 1 PM
CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL
WATER TOWER ROOM
151 EAST WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COCKTAIL PARTY

Date: Wednesday, May 24, 1989
Place: Harlan Berk's Store, 31 N. Clark (formerly RARCOA)
Time: 5:30 to 8:00pm
Hosts: Harlan Berk, ANS, Chicago Coin Club

While I admit that this notice appears a little early, this is going to be an important opportunity for you to find out first hand what the American Numismatic Society is all about. About 100 guests are expected to attend, as invitations will be sent to all Chicago Coin Club members, Chicago-area ANS members, and certain clients of Harlan Berk.

Margo Russell, former editor of Coin World, ANS Fellow and Councillor and Chicago Coin Club member, will present an audio-visual display. Food and drink will be served and spouses are invited. Let's all get behind this very worthy campaign and show a national numismatic organization just how good the Chicago Coin Club really is. I'll see you there!

Director, on "The ANA Today", while the June program will be "Coins of Ancient Macedonia" presented by Dr. Martin Miller, Loyola University.

President Leonard presented a petition by CCC member Donn Pearlman for ANA Governor. The club agreed to support the petition.

The Secretary/Treasurer announced that there were approximately 30 members who had not renewed membership yet. These members will be sent another request.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that he was planning to open a certificate of deposit for $1,000 for a nine month period. He also raised the question of whether to put some of the club's other funds in higher interest accounts. Currently, the club has a savings account and a money market account, both earning relatively low interest. A committee of the Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Hamilton and Pete Jorstad was appointed to look into the options available and take any needed action.

Exhibitors for the evening were Robert Leonard (Persian Coins), Jim McMenamin (silver wedding token), Steve Hayden (three Michigan Civil War Tokens), Harry Flower (coins changed for fraud), Andrew Michyeta (Ethiopian coin), and David Simpson (bimetallic coins of Italy and France).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 - Charles J. Ryant
04 - Irene Garcia
08 - Joe O'Connor
13 - Keith W. Weddell
15 - Robert D. Leonard, Jr.
16 - Rolf Knauz
27 - Don Valenziano, Jr.
30 - J. Thomas Nolan

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President - Robert Leonard
First V.P. - Andrew Michyeta
Second V.P. - Pete Jorstad
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Immediate Past President - Charles Ricard
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MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by President Leonard, with 9 members and three guests present. The president noted that the attendance had been affected by the extremely cold weather. The guests for the evening were Dr. Saul Needleman, Douglas O. Rosenberg, and Mel Frear. The minutes were accepted as published. The Secretary/Treasurer said that the accounts were complete to the end of 1988, stating that he would give the records to Pete Jorstad, the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

The speaker for the evening was Douglas O. Rosenberg, who gave an extremely interesting presentation on Swedish Plate Money, illustrating his talk with many splendid examples.

President Leonard read the nominating petitions of Nancy Wilson and Kenneth Bressett for ANA Governor. The club agreed to sign Nancy Wilson's petition since she is a CCC member.

The president announced the following appointments: David Simpson - Secretary/Treasurer, Joseph R. O'Connor -"Chatter" Editor, and Charles Ricard - Chairman of the Literary Award and Grievance Committees.

The President mentioned ANA seminar possibilities.

Discussion was held over on the production of a leather token for our meeting at the Chicago International Coin Fair. The members voted to proceed with a leather token to be given away at the club's CICF meeting with the excess tokens to be sold. Up to $200 was appropriated for the token production. Carl Wolf was appointed chairman of the committee to produce the token, with many club members expressing their preference for a two sided token.

Discussion was held as to the disposition of the Club's accounts. The consensus was that the Secretary/Treasurer should invest $1,000 from the checking account in a C.D., additionally looking to make other non-risky investments to increase our interest income.

Next, the club's book was discussed. President Leonard suggested raising the price on the books once the dwindling supply declines to 100 copies. Only the President and George Lill have copies remaining.

Exhibitors for the evening were Harry Flower (Einstein medals), Steve Hayden (Roman sestertius of Nero), and Robert Leonard (1973 coin of Paraguay displaying the likeness of the recently deposed President Stroessner).

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE

80 YEARS AGO

MARCH 1909

This was the year that numismatists would see a new small cent. Abraham Lincoln's portrait would replace the Indian which had been on the cent since 1859. Commemorating the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, this new one-cent piece would keep its basic design for the next fifty years. More than anything else, however, no single coin contributed more to the advancement of coin collecting than this small copper coin. Many of you reading this now started out collecting nothing but this coin. I don't think that any other U.S. coin type has specific coins which can be referred to by their year and mintmark alone: 1909 S VDB, 1914 D, 1922 Plain, 1955 Doubled Die. None need further explanation as everyone knows that they are Lincoln Cents.

Twenty one members attended the 62nd meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society on March 5, 1909. President Virgil Brand presided. Messrs. Holmes and Green presented to the Society's coin cabinet 100 Masonic Mark Pennies. Wm. Dunham read a paper entitled "The Objects of the Society." Under exhibits, Virgil Brand showed a two ounce gold bar of Oregon gold; Ben Green, some Lincoln medals; Dr. J.M. Henderson from Columbus, OH, two Saint-Gaudens patterns of the $10 gold piece; Wm. Dunham, several tetradrachms; and Mr. Michael, some U.S. silver.

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CHICAGO COIN CLUB ISSUES LEATHER TOKEN

The Chicago Coin Club has issued a 1 1/2" token made of leather which will make its debut at the upcoming Chicago International Coin Fair, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Downtown Chicago. Everyone attending the Chicago club's meeting will receive one of these unusual tokens. After the meeting, the remaining inventory will be sold for $2 each, $2.50 by mail. The club's meeting will be held in the Water Tower Room at 1 pm, Saturday, April 8.

The club expects most of the tokens to be kept as souvenirs, although they carry a $2.00 value. Before June 15, they can be applied toward annual dues, or the medals and books sold by the club.

Of further interest to collectors is the fact that production has been limited to 200 pieces and each is serial numbered from 001 to 200 on the reverse. Each comes in a flip that is fastened to a card prepunched for a 3-ring binder. Made of durable index Bristol, the card carries a comprehensive story of leather money.

References to leather being used as money are scattered throughout numismatics. We know of it being used as early as the reign of the legendary Roman King Numa Pompilius (716 - 672 BC). In our own century, its appearance was more closely associated with the economic hardships of Post World War I Germany and the Great Depression.

After searching indexes and standard references, members discovered that there isn't one definitive source on leather money. Therefore, in keeping with the Chicago Coin Club's tradition of promoting and disseminating education, the club's President, Robert D. Leonard, has written what is perhaps the most comprehensive article on leather money.

For those interested in learning more about this subject, a listing of books and articles is also provided.

If you are unable to be at the CICF Chicago Coin Club meeting and you would like a CCC leather token, send $2.50 check or money order to the Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690.

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO — APRIL, 1909

On April 6, 1909, U.S. explorer Robert E. Peary reached the North Pole and planted the 46 star U.S. flag. In London, the big news was in women's hair as permanent waves had just been introduced, and they were quickly becoming the rage.

The 63rd meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held April 2, 1909. **George Roberts**, former Director of the U.S. Mint, addressed the Society on the Mint and Assay service. His narrative of the incidents surrounding the first production of Saint-Gaudens gold coins was especially well received. He showed one of the first trial pieces of the double eagle. The exhibitors for the evening were **Mr. Tracy** (Russian rouble of unusually large size), **Virgil Brand** (the Washington cents in copper, silver and gold, the latter being unique, the Assay Medal for 1909 and two rare Greek pieces), **Theo Leon** (Pike's Peak Gold), and **Mr. Blumenschein** (some unusual "freaks"). A group picture was taken by **Mr. Gardiner**, but no record exists of this picture, nor is it ever known to have been printed.

60 YEARS AGO — APRIL, 1929

The economy was booming and every home had to have the latest in high-tech, which back then, meant a RADIO! U.S. radio sales that year would total $950 million. Some Americans paid $118 and up for the elaborate console model Atwater Kent and Stromberg Carlson sets which came equipped with seven tubes and built-in superpower magnetic speakers.

The 122nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 3, 1929 with 42 members and guests present. President **R.E. Davis** read a paper on the Maundy Money from Charles II to George V, exhibiting a beautiful assortment of coins to illustrate his talk. Other exhibitors included **Mr. Budvitis** (a large bronze medal of Count Von Spee commemorating the Battle of the Falkland, December 8, 1914, and an oval bronze medal of Max Count Von Spee commemorating the Battle of Santa Maria, November 1, 1914), **Mr. Rosholm** (a 1913 pattern set of Bavaria), **M. Vernon Sheldon** (complete proof set of

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member, author of the Chicago Tribune column "The Stamp Collector", and more recently "The Coin Collector".

MINUTES OF THE 842ND MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB MARCH 8, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Robert Leonard with 14 members and two guests present. A request was made that the meeting number be included in the minutes, and the Secretary/Treasurer agreed to do so. No Treasurer's report was read, however, a financial report will be presented for the April meeting. The 1988 club accounts are currently being audited.

Visitors Melvyn Frear and Carl Harper were introduced. The speaker was the previously mentioned Mr. Harper, who presented his original thoughts on the question "What is Money?" The presentation generated several questions and some discussion. Following the presentation, Andrew Michyeta awarded the speaker an engraved Chicago Coin Club Speaker's Medal.

President Leonard informed the club that on May 24th there will be a cocktail party for the American Numismatic Society at Harlan Berk's store in Chicago (Ed- Full details can be found elsewhere in this issue). The club received a request from Burke's that it assist. This apparently means that CCC members will be invited to the party, which the club readily agreed to. At the April meeting, the club will consider making a contribution to the ANS after considering the Treasurer's Report, at which time the club will be informed if any further assistance will be needed.

Carl Wolf gave a report on the leather money to be produced for the CICF. These uniface, incuse, round tokens are to be housed in an inert plastic flip, attached to an informative card documenting the limited history of leather money. Carl estimated cost at $197, with total sales expected of $300 to $350. Carl will send publicity to the Token and Medal Society. The tokens will be consecutively numbered with #1 going to the archives and #2 to the April speaker. Tokens will be given free to all members who attend the April meeting, with the remainder to be sold for $2 each at CICF, $2.50 each after the show. The club applauded Carl's efforts.

Mr. Leonard announced that Richard Hamilton has been appointed Club Parliamentarian, while Chester Poderski was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

Upcoming programs were announced - April will be Hillel Casloff of the Bank of Canada on "Coins of the British East India Company", May will be Robert Leuver, ANA Executive

Three Cent Nickels), **Mr. Josephson** (a set of Mongolia coins, a Lewis and Clark medal in Silver, and an English florin of Victoria, 1849), Mr. Vogel ($5 gold bank note from the Bank of Santa Barbara and a $5 gold bank note from the Bank of San Francisco), and **Mr. Cederlund** (a collection of Swedish riksdalers from 1542 - 1632).

40 YEARS AGO **APRIL, 1949**

Chicago's O'Hare Airport was named in honor of the late Liet. Comm. Edward H. "Butch" O'Hare. Originally called Orchard Place, O'Hare Airport surpassed Chicago's other airport, Midway, in 1961 to become the world's busiest air travel facility.

The Chicago Coin Club's 363rd meeting was held April 5, 1949, with 57 members and 10 guests present. **George M. Vivian** was elected to membership. Some of the evening's exhibitors were **Mr. Rutz** (German notgeld and Martin Luther commemorative notes from Wittenburg), **Glenn Smedley** (tetradrachm of Lysimachus, King of Thrace 322-218 BC, with the head of Alexander the Great), **Mr. Bebee** (a Liberty gold type set and a Saint-Gaudens/Indian gold type set in Kurtzeborn plastic holders), **Mr. Giello** (World War II photos and medals, and a Lincoln gold dollar token), **M. Vernon Sheldon** (a daric of Darius I of Persia 460 - 430 BC, a decadrachm of Syracuse by Kimon 406 - 401 BC, a posthumous decadrachm of Arsinoe I of Egypt 145 - 136 BC, and a didrachm of Alexander III of Macedonia 336 - 323 BC), **Col. Curtis** (a trial piece in nickel of the McKinley commemorative gold dollar), and **I.T. Kopicki** (a proof set of Maundy Money from Edward VII, 1905).

20 YEARS AGO **APRIL, 1969**

In 1969, the Soviet Union expelled novelist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. A popular movie was Dennis Hopper's "Easy Rider", starring Hopper, Peter Fonda, and Jack Nicolson. The movie dramatized the alienation between the hippie generation and established American social values, especially those in rural areas.

Over 50 people came out for the 603rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club on April 9, 1969. The featured program was given by **Joseph Scheidler** on the subject of the coins purported to have been placed on Abraham Lincoln's eyes following his death. The applications of **Jerome Goldberg** and **Joseph Rosenberg** were accepted for membership. Exhibitors for the evening were **Gerda Birkholz, William Pettit, Harry X Boosel, James Doak, J. Thomas Nolan, Glenn Smedley and Gary Krug.** The Chatter of April 1969 reported the sudden death of **Richard McP. Cabeen**, long-time club

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MINUTES OF THE 843RD MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
APRIL 8, 1989
(Held at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago, in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair)

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by President Robert Leonard. He expressed the club's thanks to RARCOA, which had provided the meeting room. Attendance was about 60, including guests Saul B. Needleman, Mack Forrest, Anthony J. Ybarra, John A. Kolbeck, Patrick Long, William Bauer, W.J. Loudiere, Robert F. McKindley, Richard Giedroyc, Florence Schook, Steven R. Taylor, R. Julian, Robert Hendershott, Courtney Coffing, Robert Hutt, Harry Collier, Mike Metras, Cecelia Evans, Leslie Pettit, August Jackson, Emmett M. Ey, Delmer Henning, Clifford Mishler, Walter Mustain, Robert L. Sloan, Art Redman, Jerry Arnold, Doug Rosenberg, Kevin Rosenberg, Donald Carlson, and Ted Gromala.

The featured speaker, Hillel Kasiow, of the Bank of Canada, gave a brief summary of the coinage of the British East India Company. Following his address, President Leonard awarded him an engraved Speaker's Medal.

Carl Wolf then proceeded to describe the leather token to be given away at the meeting, and some of the history of leather tokens. Token 001 was reserved for the club archives, with 002 presented to the afternoon's speaker. The tokens were then distributed to all in attendance, and additional tokens were sold following the meeting. Harry N. Boosel proposed that examples go to the museums of the ANA and ANS; this motion was passed. An additional motion was passed to supply a token to the Bank of Canada.

Four persons - Philip Carrigan, Melvyn Frear, Robert Hendershott, and Anthony Ybarra, applied for membership and had their applications given a first reading.

President Leonard talked about an upcoming benefit for the American Numismatic Society, to which CCC members will be invited. He also announced that ANA Director Robert

Leuver will be the May CCC speaker, with the June presentation on Ancient Macedonian coinage.

The Treasurer's report for March was given.

Exhibitors for the evening were Carl Wolf (examples of leather money), Charles Ricard (French 5 franc of Napoleon), Drew Michyeta (silver pattern from Rwanda), and Robert Leonard (leather money). The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted.
David E. Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO MAY, 1909

This was the year Chicago pharmacist Charles Rudolph Walgreen, 35, would start a drugstore chain by opening his first pharmacy. The Walgreen chain would grow to become the nation's largest and would popularize the soda-fountain-lunch-counter like no other.

The 64th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held the first Friday in May, 1909, with 23 persons present. S.J. Caswell, M.D., Joseph A. Kelly and Harry L. Smith were elected to membership. Papers were read on Coin Collecting by Mitchell Baker, and the U.S. Dollar by Chester Dunham. Mr. Dunham exhibited a number of Roman first bronzes, and Virgil Brand exhibited cast counterfeit Colorado gold five dollar pieces. The June issue of the "Numismatist" would publish a large article about Mr. Brand's counterfeit discovery of the private issue of Clark, Gruber & Co.

60 YEARS AGO MAY, 1929

The first commercially successful radio for automobiles was invented by the University of Illinois graduate Paul Vincent Galvin, 34. He had started his business with $565 in capital in a Chicago garage and called his company Motorola. Imagine that - what an age - being able to drive down the highway and listen to the radio at the same time!

The 123rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held May 1, 1929 with 44 members and guests present. Dr. Rackus was the speaker of the evening, and he addressed his exhibit of cowrie-shell money and shell-disc money which circulated in the Solomon Islands. The evening's exhibitors were Dr. Luttenberger (45 coins of Nuremburg, including the Furth railway, the first railway of Europe), Mr. Miller (Mexican hoe-shaped toltex money), Mr. Cederlund (11 square silver talers from Saxony, all from different rulers in the 17th century), Dr. Rackus (5 jubilee pieces from Norway, and 6 from Denmark), and Mr. Davis ($10 bank note of Wheat Growers Bank, Aurora, Illinois, 5c and 10c encased stamps of Tremont House, and eight Lincoln campaign tokens).

40 YEARS AGO MAY, 1949

In 1949, many countries took on new names. The People's Republic of China was created with Mao Tse-tung as its Chairman, Newfoundland joined the Dominion of Canada becoming their tenth province, Siam was renamed Thailand, the German Federal Republic (West Germany) and the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) were both created, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was created by renaming the 3-year old Kingdom of Transjordan ruled by Abdullah.

The 364th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held May 3, 1949 with 73 members and 3 guests present. William R. Case and E.J. Strieter were elected to membership. The speaker for the evening was H. Fred Wilson, an officer of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank. Some of the evening's exhibitors were Mr. Ostrander (silver certificate without serial number or signature), Col. Curtis (Brazilian 4000 Reis silver commemorative coin), and Mr. Linsall (a complete set of Oregon Trail commemoratives).

20 YEARS AGO MAY, 1969

On May 1, President Richard Nixon called college campus radicals who were opposed to his policies in Vietnam "Bums!" Kent State University students in Ohio rallied at noon three days later to protest the widening of the war. In a confused atmosphere which is unsettled even to this day, National Guardsmen opened fire on 1,000 students, wounding eight and killing four. On May 9, five days later, 75,000 to 100,000 peaceful demonstrators marched on Washington, D.C. to protest the U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia. It was reported that President Nixon was unable to sleep.

45 Members attended the 604th meeting of the club on May 14. The featured speaker of the evening was Harry Flower, who spoke about his recent tour of Israel. With the help of maps and pictures, he reminded the members of the history of the area. He also told of how he saw counterfeit U.S. gold coins openly offered for sale, and at bargain prices, too! Medals were presented to all of the committee chairmen who faithfully served the club in hosting the CSNS Convention. The medals were uniface strikes in a nickel alloy from the reverse die of the Club's 50th Anniversary medal. Chairman Howard Eisenberg received a gold-plated medal for all the successful effort he had put forth.

IN MEMORY OF LOUIS BERGMANN

Louis Bergman, member 854, passed away December 17, 1988. He suffered a massive heart attack while riding to work on the C.T.A. elevated train.

Mr. Bergmann's numismatic employment began in the coin department of Marshall Field's in 1968. Then he went to work for Ed Milas at his shop, The Gold Stella. In 1972 Mr.

Milas purchased RARCOA and Mr. Bergmann moved with him to the 31 N. Clark Street location. More recently, when RARCOA moved to Willowbrook, Mr. Bergmann stayed on at Clark Street, joining the firm of Harlan Berk.

Mr. Bergmann was a knowledgeable coin dealer, and was considered the number one counter man for RARCOA's retail operation. Friends will remember him for his contagious exuberance, and as a man who lived life to the fullest.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, and his children.

Respectfully,
Carl Wolf
Club Archivist

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17 - Shirley Valenziano
25 - John G. Ross

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MAY CCC MEETING MAY 10, 1989
7:30 PM 1 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 17TH FLOOR
AT THE OFFICES OF CHECKER, SIMON & ROSNER

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COCKTAIL PARTY

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"THE ANA TODAY"
Presented by Robert Leuver

Mr. Leuver started by telling of his lobbying efforts in favor of the Modernization of Coin Design Act--he thinks there is a real chance of passage.

He announced that Carl Wolf was the recipient of the Glen Smedley Award for his work on the Numismatic Theatre at the ANA conventions. He presented Mr. Wolf with a certificate, with a medal to be given when it is prepared.

He talked about the 100th anniversary convention, to be held in Chicago with the help of the Chicago Coin Club. He urged the club to present a general chairman as soon as possible to the ANA, and in any case by the August 1989 convention. He observed that much of the ANA's history revolves around Chicago, and mentioned several of the Chicagoans prominent in ANA history. He noted that Ruthann Brettell will head the convention efforts at the ANA, with assitance of director of education James Taylor (another native of Chicago). "This will be the greatest convention of the ANA, if not the biggest," he said.

Mr. Leuver reflected on 13 months at the ANA, after coming from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and having experience in various other areas before that. He said that he hopes to be a catalyst for change, and that he has an excellent staff, not all of whom are numismatists. This was purposefully done, as non-numismatists would not have any pre-set biases against certain segments of numismatics. "Our mission is to teach people about numismatics", he said. He pointed to the Numismatic Theatre and the new correspondence courses as efforts in that direction.

The "Numismatist" now has an editorial board, and is of an improved design, including its larger size. It is his desire to assure that the "Numismatist" remains an excellent

vehicle for education, and he promised to do all that he could to keep it interesting.

Mr. Leuver observed that the ANA has a duty to warn people about risks of speculation in coins, but that its main focus is with the collector, not the investor.

During the period of his five-year contract with the ANA, one of his goals is to greatly increase membership. Currently at 33,000, an increase in membership to 50-55,000 would bring the cost of servicing each member down to the level of the annual dues ($26). "I want to make the ANA vital, vigorous, and responsible to its members," he concluded.

In answer to one question, he says the ANA will give the Chicago Coin Club "all the help you need," in putting on the 1991 Convention--it will give full cooperation. He noted that the banquet and numismatic theatre for instance, would be the club's responsibility, but that ANA will take care of the bourse and security.

MINUTES OF THE 844TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
MAY 10, 1989

The 844th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:40 p.m. May 10, 1989, with 18 members and 2 guests present. The guests were Robert Leuver and Reecy Aresty.

The meeting commenced with a moment of silence for Louis Bergmann, a member who passed away in December. President Leonard reported selling 7 of the club's books for $75. Charles Ricard reported that plans were being discussed to expand the literary award. Andrew Michyeta said speakers for coming months are Mr. Miller in June on Ancient Macedonian coins, Bob Julian in July on coin security, Erv Holms in September on Polish coins, and Mark Peters in October on error coins. The April meeting minutes were corrected to show 59 attendees registered.

Carl Wolf reported on how the club's leather tokens were made. A motion to cancel the die was passed by 7 to 6 vote, and Mr. Wolf cancelled in die in front of the club. Mr. Leonard delivered one of the leather tokens to Mr. Leuver, to be placed in the ANA museum.

Three new members had second readings and were accepted. They are Melvyn Frear, Robert L. Hendershott, and Philip J. Carrigan. A first reading was made of Reecy Aresty's application.

Mr. Leonard gave further information on the cocktail party for the American Numismatic Society May 24. The club voted to donate $500 to the ANS--this will be presented by Mr. Leonard at the party.

Exhibitors were Harry X Boosel (Central States Numismatic Society 50th anniversary momentos), Harry Flower (Thai coins with Einstein on them, coin give-away offers), Andrew Michyeta (Netherlands East India Company coin), Carl Wolf (cast medal from Madison, WI), Robert Leonard (rabbit skin money), George Lill (three Bolivian medals), Dave Simpson (Scottish banknotes), Charles Ricard (Napoleonic era medal), William Swoger (remarks on numismatic genealogy).

The main speaker was Robert Leuver, head of the American Numismatic Association, and a native of the Chicago area. He spoke of the 100th ANA convention to be held in Chicago, of changes he is overseeing at the ANA, and the state of the hobby. He announced that Carl Wolf was to receive the ANA's Glen Smedley Award for his activities with the Numismatic Theatre, and presented Carl with a certificate--a medal is to follow. He answered several questions (see separate report). At the conclusion of his presentation, he was given a speakers medal by Andrew Michyeta. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO JUNE, 1909

On June 1, 1909, the first transcontinental U.S. motorcar race pitted two model T Fords against an Acme, an Itala, and a Stearns (which failed to start). A Ford won the race, arriving June 22 at Seattle where the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition was being held.

The 65th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held June 4th with V.P. **F. Elmo Simpson** presiding. **Wm. F. Dunham** was appointed to call upon **Franklin MacVeagh**, Secretary of the Treasury, who was in the city, to present a protest in the name of the Society against the Treasury Department permitting the striking of gold or other pieces from dies used for minting private coins and especially those struck by the Mormons. Under exhibits **Mr. Holmes**, some gold dollars; **Mr. Michael**, some quarter eagles; **Wm. Duhnam**, the new Canadian mint sovereigns; and **Ben Green**, some metal street car tickets and political medalettes, including twenty varieties of **Wm. H. Harrison** log cabin and

other pieces. **Mr. Verkler** entertained the members with some banjo music.

60 YEARS AGO **JUNE, 1929**

...American technology was on the move during 1929 and it shouldn't be stopped. Ford Motor Company equipped a Model A with a boxy wooden body to provide extra space for cargo and passengers. It was called the station wagon. The Hudson Motor Car Company was also on the move that year. They introduced the first mobile home trailer and displayed it in New York showrooms.

The 124th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held June 5, 1929, with 46 members and guests present. **F. Sarnecki** and **Morris Thacker** were elected to membership. The evening's exhibitors were: **Mr. Bolender**, 30 crowns from Brunswick-Lunnenberg; **I.T. Kopicki**, the recently issued $1, $2, $5 and $10 bank notes; **Mr. Collier**, 11 bank notes from 1862 - 1923 in crisp condition; **R.E. Davis**. 9 campaign tokens of Henry Clay; **Ted Leon**, two $50 slugs, a $2 1/2, a $1 and a half dollar Panama-Pacific set; **Earl Brown**, a rare silver tael from Tai-Wan province, China; **C. Sam Carlsen**, a complete set of siege coins struck in 1677 at the siege of Christianstad during the war between Denmark and Sweden; and **Mr. Cederlund**, Mozambique, Maria Theresa taler, 1780 counterstamped "P.M." - Angola, Joseph I, 1, 1/2 and 1/4 macuta, 1763 counterstamped with the crowned arms of Portugal - Tournay, four varieties of a 20 sous necessity klippe, Portuguese colonies - and Goa, Dom Miguel, 1828-34, counterstamped "P.R. 809."

40 YEARS AGO **JUNE, 1949**

This was the year that the **Chicago Zephyr** began service between Chicago and San Francisco with Vista Dome coaches for sightseeing.

The 365th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held June 7, 1949, with 71 members and 6 guests present. **Roland H. Peterson** and **James T. Harris** were elected to membership. Some of the exhibits for the evening were: **Mr. Bebee**, two $4 gold Stellas in proof, one a flowing hair and the other a coiled hair type; **Glenn Smedley**, two bronze medals related to the French conquest of Egypt in 1799.

20 YEARS AGO **JUNE, 1969**

1969 was the year everyone read Mario Puzo's "The Godfather." This was also the year that a farmer in New York rented his farm out for a music festival. Over 300,000

rock-and-roll enthusiasts showed up for what became known as the Woodstock Music and Art Fair. Out of this would come the saying "Hey, man, I was there. Were you?

Thirty-eight people came out June 11, 1969 to attend the 605th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club. Members were requested to begin wearing identification badges at the meetings. Glenn Smedley was the featured speaker and showed slides on bank notes. The exhibitors were: Gerda Birkholz, Glenn Smedley, William Pettit, Harry X Boesel and Donald Doswell.

"HAT'S OFF" TO HARLAN BERK

I surely do not speak alone when I extend a hearty congratulations and a generous thank you to Harlan Berk on the excellent efforts put forth on behalf of the ANS fund raising drive. The cocktail party looked every bit a success, with incredible food, great friends, a fine presentation, and a little, old lady in the back room who was just falling all over herself for you to come and touch her toes. (I'll bet you never realized the CCC could be so much fun!) If you weren't able to come, you definitely missed one of the highlights of the year. While the ANS is nearing its goal, we (speaking as a member) still need a little help. To support this worthy campaign (if you haven't already), just contact Roxanne Greenstein, Development Director, The ANS, Broadway at 155th Street, New York, NY, 10032. And while you're at it, ask for a membership application if you are not already a member. The ANS publications alone make the small annual dues one of the best deals around.

NEGATIVISM - AN EDITORIAL

While I don't take the position that negativism is ingrained into the human psyche, it does seem that it is easier, almost natural, to be negative and pessimistic. Positive thinkers always seem to be in the minority, regardless of the group in question. One of my pet peeves presents itself weekly in the first few pages of "Coin World." Without exception, letters written by the paper's readers take negative positions, this dealer is a crook, the ANA has forgotten the collector, this eleven point Mint State grading system is a scam, the Mint is milking the collector, investors are stealing the hobby away, and on and on.

I have many theories for this pervasion of negativism, which I don't wish to repeat here for fear of ruffling a few

feathers, but I will say this. Positivism, optimism, they are behaviors that take practice, not just in numismatics but in your entire life. If you are not enjoying your numismatic avocation, try to exercise your imagination. Yet, if you find that all of your numismatic avenues are dead ends, quietly find the nearest exit, as the rest of us are having some fun.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

03 - Edgar W. Lister
15 - Pearl C. Kopicki
12 - Rosalind Ryant
27 - James Simek

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JUNE CCC MEETING JUNE 14, 1989
7:30 PM 1 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 17TH FLOOR
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THE EVENING'S FEATURED SPEAKER WILL BE
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MINUTES OF THE 845TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
JUNE 14, 1989

The Meeting was called to order by President Robert Leonard at 7:34pm with 22 in attendance. The June minutes and April Treasurer's Report were approved unchanged. Our guests for the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Miller, were introduced and welcomed to the meeting. Charles Ricard then reintroduced Mr. Miller, from Loyola University, as the featured speaker on "Macedonian Coinage". Following Mr. Miller's scholarly discussion and several questions from the audience, Andrew Michyeta presented Mr. Miller with an engraved Speaker's Medal.

Mr. Ricard, speaking for the Literary Committee, noted that there had been only one entry submitted for the award this year, and invited other members to submit articles. Mr. Michyeta reported that the speaker for July will be Bob Gillian, on the subject of "Coin Security at Home", that no speaker had been chosen as yet for August, Erv Holmes is scheduled for September with "After U.S.", and that a discussion of U.S. Mint Error Coins is tentatively set for October. Carl Wolf reported that the club has sold out of our leather tokens, even as additional orders continue to stream in.

Reecy Aresty's application for membership was approved on the second reading, with Phillip Davis' application read for the first time.

Correspondence included a letter from Bob Leuver of the ANA and the ANA Museum Curator, thanking the club for its donation of a leather token to the museum. Also, Roxanne Greenstein of the ANS wrote the CCC, describing the ANS party, heavily attended by our members, as a great success.

Since there are still a number of members who have not renewed their memberships for this year, the club agreed to have the Secretary send notices separate from the "Chatter."

If you are one of the small number who have not submitted your dues for the year, please send them today, or the club will unfortunately have no choice but to drop you from our membership.

Mr. Ricard gave members a summary of the ANS party for those who could not attend. Peter Jorstad revealed that the club is required to file tax returns for Illinois, a fact that we were not aware of.

Exhibitors for the evening were Andrew Michyeta (heraldic art on a medieval German coin), Harry Flower (West German Einstein medal), Bob Leonard (Ancient Macedonian coins of Alexander the Great), Harry X Boosel (1873 medal of Austria), Carl Wolf (a donation from an unnamed person to the CCC of 34 items, consisting mostly of issues of the Chicago Numismatic Roundtable), Steve Hayden (cast bronze coin of Rome), Joel Reznick (monorail token set from Sydney, Australia), and Charles Ricard (1907 Liberty $5 Quarter Eagle presented by an Albany, NY bank).

Donn Pearlman pointed out that an 1804 Draped Bust Dollar, to be sold in the upcoming Auction'89 in Chicago, may be the first coin to break the $1,000,000 barrier. (Ed note: The sale of the Norweb 1861 Liberty $20 "Paquet Reverse", is reported to be in the works for a price of $1.2 to $1.5 million. Even if the Dexter specimen of the famed 1804 Dollar sells for a price in excess of $1 million, it may be a race to the wire to see which coin sells first!)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO JULY, 1909

Baseball was on the minds of many Chicagoans during the summer of 1909. The White Sox finished in 4th place that year with a 78-74 record. The Cubs, however, came in second in the National League. Their star pitching ace, Three-Fingers Brown had a 27-9 season, and lead the tam to an overall 104-49 record.

The 66th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held July 2, 1909. William Dunham read a paper dealing with U.S. half cents and went into the much disputed matter of which rarities were originals and which were restrikes. The

minutes do not tell if exhibits were or weren't given that evening.

60 YEARS AGO **JULY, 1929**

In 1929, the per cent of world-wide industrial production were: U.S. 34.4%, Great Britain 10.4%, Germany 10.3%, U.S.S.R. 9.9%, France 5.0%, Japan 4.0% and Italy 2.5%. In this year also, Albert B. Fall, Secretary of the Interior under President Coolidge, was convicted of accepting a $100,000 bribe in the Teapot Dome Scandal.

The 125th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held July 3, 1929, with 46 members and guests present. **William J. Kraleski** was elected to membership. The exhibitors that evening were: **Theo. Leon**, his completed set of Panama-Pacific coins in their original case; **Charles Markus**, a Panama-Pacific round and octogonal $50 gold pieces, 2 varieties of the 1851 and 2 varieties of the 1852 gold pieces, and 2 $10 gold compound interest Treasury notes, one with the signature of Chittenden and Spinner, and one of Colby and Spinner; **Mr. Jackson**, a 1799 silver dollar with 5 stars, and a proof dollar of 1858; and **R.E. Davis**, bronze medals of Harding and Coolidge.

40 YEARS AGO JULY, 1949

Get a load of the prices during 1949 - a new Cadillac for $5,000, a gallon of gasoline for $.25, a man's gabardine suit $50, a pack of cigarettes $.21, and a bottle (they weren't making cans) of Coca-Cola for $.05.

The 366th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held July 5, 1949, with 45 members and 11 guests present. **Bert Adams** was elected to membership. Each person attending the meeting was presented with a souvenir medal issued by the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. Some of the evening's exhibits were: **Mr. Giello**, Civil War, transportation and trade tokens; **Mr. Jonas**, an 1883 Chicago National Exposition of Railway Appliances Silver Award Medal, Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corp tokens, Culion Leper Colony tokens, Hudson Bay tokens from 1857; **Mr. Harris**, a 20 shilling note of Delaware printed by Franklin; **Mr. Brown**, California Medalists Society Medals; **Col. Curtis**, AW#1542 "Sailor Head" pattern quarter dollar in copper; **and Harry X Boosel**, button coins.

20 YEARS AGO JULY, 1969

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 landed its lunar module on the moon's surface. The next day, everyone was glued to

their television sets as Neil Armstrong stepped out on to the moon's surface. Surveys showed, however, that a large group of Americans still believed that the landing and the moonwalk had been staged in a television studio to distract the nations' attention from the deepening Vietnam War.

Forty-five people came out for the 606th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club on July 6, 1969. William Boss of Elmhurst was accepted into membership. The featured speaker was Peter Spadoni who entertained the members with his many slides of A.N.A. medals, tokens and convention badges. Exhibitors were: William Pettit, Dennis Forgue, Glenn Smedley, Harry Flower, Harry X Boosel, Gary Krug, William Hoppe, Marty Greene and Marjorie Baker.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

04 - Chester Poderski
13 - Gerard Anaszewicz
19 - Richard S. Hamilton
24 - William M. Shepard
09 - Aubrey E. Bebee
19 - A.A. Brown
23 - David Kunca
27 - David Simpson

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JULY CCC MEETING JULY 12, 1989
7:30 PM 1 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 17TH FLOOR
AT THE OFFICES OF CHECKER, SIMON & ROSNER

THE EVENING'S FEATURED SPEAKER WILL BE
BOB GILLIAN ON THE SUBJECT OF
"COIN SECURITY AT HOME"

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While I feel like the preacher who rarely goes to church, I think that it's worth repeating that we had 22 in attendance at June's meeting. Now, that's what I call a meeting! And as long as I'm on my soapbox, I haven't received any letters, short articles, quotes, or trivia for the "Chatter" lately. This is *your* newsletter, so speak up!

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MINUTES OF THE 846TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
JULY 12, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by President Leonard, with 17 in attendance, including one guest, Bob Julian. The June Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

In business matters, Carl Wolf reported that the club was still receiving orders for leather tokens, even though they are sold out. He added that some counterstamped half dollars are still available for $10, while Bob Leonard added that membership buttons may be purchased for $2. The membership application of Phillip Davis was read and approved, and he was welcomed into our club as member number 1015.

Mr. Leonard announced that the board had met and come up with the name of John Wilson as the General Chairman of the 1991 ANA Convention to be held in Chicago. Alternates were George Lill III and William Swoger. After some discussion, the club voted unanimously to support the board's decision.

Secretary Simpson observed that several members still had not paid their 1989 dues, despite a recent letter. After some discussion, by a vote of 9 to 7, the club decided to publish the names of these members in the next "Chatter", and to drop them as of the August meeting unless dues are received by then.

Because the August 9 regular meeting date will conflict with the ANA Convention, the CCC meeting is rescheduled for August 16. The program will consist of members' reports on the convention.

The speaker for July was Bob Julian, who spoke on "How to Protect Your Collection at Home." He presented several practical suggestions, which were augmented by spirited comments from club members. Following Mr. Julian's

presentation, he was presented a CCC Speaker's Medal by Andrew Michyeta.

Exhibitors for the evening were Bob Leonard (pictures of the Colorado Assay Office), Carl Wolf (four cocoa beans and chewing gum used as money), Joel Reznick (transportation tokens), and Andrew Michyeta (bracteate of 16th Century Germany).

Carl Wolf observed that CCC member Hugh Cooper had suffered a heart attack. The secretary will send a card on behalf of the club. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO **AUGUST, 1909**

This was the year that Chicago's Frederick G. Robie house, 5757 S. Woodlawn Boulevard, would be completed by Frank Lloyd Wright. It was the world's first house to be built upon a slab foundation, and it incorporated that new wonder of wonders - the attached garage! Great idea Frank had there!

The 67th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held August 6th, 1909. Henry F. Donovan and W.O. Hart were elected into membership. Chester Dunham exhibited his collection of foreign coins from 200 different countries. An aluminum metal bearing the portrait of T.L. Elder was received from Mr. Elder, while Farran Zerbe sent the Society two of the new Lincoln Cents.

60 YEARS AGO **AUGUST, 1929**

The 126th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held August 7, 1929, with 48 members and guests present. C.J. Bendle and Michael A. Powills were elected to membership. The exhibitors for the evening were Dr Rackus (a very rare specimen of the odd shaped coin of the Incas and several odd shaped pieces of obsidian), Ted Leon (1850 $5 and 1849 $2.50 Mormon gold pieces, and an 1861 uncirculated $5 gold piece from Clark and Gruber), Mr. Vogel (a collection of the new banknotes $1, $2, $5, $10 and $20, all with the serial numbers 0000151A), Dr. Luttenberger (30 pieces of fractional currency from 3c to 50c), Mr. Brown (3 Chinese taels from Empress Dowager Tze-Shi, from Che Kiang, Yun-Nan, and from Emperor Hsuan Tung, Foo Kien), and Mr. Cederlund (3 pieces from 1713 and one extremely rare piece dated 1702 and struck

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02 - William Swoger
17 - Harry X Boosel
23 - Thomas Michell
26 - Donald H. Doswell
07 - William Holm
19 - Carl F. Wolf
26 - Tom DeLorey
31 - Clarence R. Wills

CLASSICAL NUMISMATIC BOURSE COMES TO CHICAGO

Featured speakers on Classical Numismatics have always attracted high attendance at our monthly meetings. In light of this, Carl Wolf has obtained a number of invitations to the Classical Numismatic Bourse, scheduled for a stop in Chicago September 23 and 24, in the Bastille Room of the Hotel Sofitel near O'Hare International Airport, at 5550 N. River Road. About a dozen dealers from various parts of the country are expected to staff tables. The CNB approach features a relaxed atmosphere where collectors are able to enjoy conversing with dealers and other collectors. Invitations are required at the door, so please call Carl Wolf at (312)454-9696 if you wish to attend.

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MEETING CHANGE

AUGUST CCC MEETING AUGUST 16, 1989
7:30 PM 1 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 17TH FLOOR
AT THE OFFICES OF CHECKER, SIMON & ROSNER

"NUMISMATIC TALES FROM PITTSBURGH"
AS MANY CCC MEMBERS RECOUNT THE HIGHPOINTS
OF THE ANA 98TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

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MAJOR SCREWUP !!!

No question about it, I BLEW IT!! This issue should have been mailed a week earlier to alert all of you to the meeting change for August. I sure hope that this error didn't cause any problems. I won't offer any excuses, I just blew it, period.

A FINAL NOTE ON 1989 DUES

The following CCC members have not paid their dues for 1989. PLEASE mail in your dues today, or the Club will have no choice but to sadly drop you from our membership roll.

Arthur C Allen
Irene Garcia
Pearl C. Kopicki
Eileen Peterson
Florence Smedley
Dr. Emanuel Frazin
Edgar W. Keller
Paul J. Kruk
Bruno Rzepka
Shirley Valenziano
Nilton Garcia
John M. Kelley
David Kunca
William Swoger

from a portion of a silver platter, all hallmarked and from the German city of Landau).

Later that month, the Chicago Coin Club hosted the American Numismatic Association Convention. An accounting of that gathering is given in the Club's book Perspectives in Numismatics, page 336.

40 YEARS AGO **AUGUST, 1949**

The U.S. Defense Department was created August 10, 1949, by a retitling of the War Department under the terms of the National Security Act of 1947.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 367th meeting on August 2, 1949, with 56 members and 6 guests present. The secretary asked for an expression from the members concerning the monthly newsletter being produced by President Ostrander and called the "Chicago Coin Club Chatter". When asked if it should be continued, the members responded unanimously - YES!

20 YEARS AGO **AUGUST, 1969**

On August 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille hit the Mississippi Gulf Coast with winds of 190 mph. It was the strongest storm to hit the area since 1935, and would hit Virginia and West Virginia even harder. In its wake, 248 people were left dead, 200,000 homeless, and property damage exceeded $1.5 billion.

The Chicago Coin Club's 607th meeting was held August 6, 1969, a week early as many would be attending the upcoming ANA Convention. The application of Stewart Koppel was accepted, as he became the Club's newest member. Junior member James Plath read a paper "Retrogression of the Ancient Roman Coinage", which had won a Junior ANA award that year. Harry X Boosel's exhibit consisted of five 1873 Trade Dollars illustrating different surfaces on mint condition coins. Other exhibitors included Gerda Birkholz, William Pettit, Glenn Smedley, Howard Eisenberg, and Marjorie Baker.

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HARRY X BOOSEL RECEIVES ANA'S HIGHEST AWARD

Harry X Boosel, aka "Mr. 1873", well known member of the Chicago Coin Club, received the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service on August 12 at the American Numismatic Association's 98th Anniversary Convention banquet. The award is the highest given by the ANA, and it was presented to Mr. Boosel in recognition of a lifetime of service to the Association.

Outgoing ANA President Stephen Taylor, read the citation that came with the award - "This ardent researcher and dedicated member of local, regional and national hobby organizations has contributed outstanding service to both the Association and to the world of numismatics.

The Chicago Coin Club claims this hard worker as one of its Past Presidents, the Central States Numismatic Society has benefitted from this Past President, Charter and Life Member's experience and knowledge. Both organizations have awarded their Medal of Merit to this devoted member for distinguished service.

Just four years after joining the ANA, this collector became the youngest person to be elected to the Association's Board of Governors and served two consecutive, one-year terms. The only person to be General Chairman for two ANA conventions - Washington, D.C. in 1937 and Chicago, Illinois in 1966 - he also was Chairman of Coin Week in 1950. Another term as ANA Governor followed from 1981-85. In 1964 he was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson to the U.S. Assay Commission.

A member of the Numismatic Literary Guild, this author's articles on a variety of topics were published in "Coin World", Numismatic News", Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine", and the ANA's own journal, "The Numismatist". At the American Numismatic Society's Coinage of the America's Conference in 1987, this researcher, an ANS member since

1950, and new "Fellow", presented results gathered through years of study on a favorite topic.

Although his contributions to the hobby are great and varied, he is best known for his preoccupation with events of a particular year. He has earned the sobriquet "Mr. 1873" for his extensive studies of the Coinage Act of 1873 and its numismatic implications, and is credited with the discovery of the "closed 3" and "open 3" varieties of 1873 coinage.

For his important contributions to the science and hobby of numismatics, the American Numismatic Association bestows upon Harry X Boosel its highest honor, the FARRAN ZERBE MEMORIAL AWARD".

The long record of extraordinary contributions to numismatics by CCC members continues.

MINUTES OF THE 847TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB AUGUST 9, 1989

President Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:40, with 21 members present. July's Minutes were approved as printed in the "Chatter", while the Treasurer's report was approved as read.

President Leonard reported selling two hard cover club books for $37.50, and one soft cover for $15 at the American Numismatic Association Convention. Program Chairman Drew Michyeta raised the question of whether to hold an auction at the November meeting. After some discussion, the Club agreed to do so. Members were urged to submit a list of items to be auctioned to Mr. Michyeta at the September meeting, so that a list could be published in the November "Chatter". This will be a member-benefit auction, although items can be donated for the club's benefit.

A number of items of correspondence were presented, including letters from members Bruno Rzepka and Hugh Cooper.

Five members - Arthur Allen, Pearl Kopicki, Bruno Rzepka, Shirley Valenziano and William Swoger - have paid their 1989 dues. The eight unpaid members have been dropped from the membership rolls.

The evening's program consisted of reports from nine of the CCC members who attended the ANA Convention in Pittsburgh the previous week. The speakers were Nancy Wilson and Donn Pearlman (elected ANA Governors), John Wilson (speaking on the exhibits), Drew Michyeta (speaking on foreign coin availability and prices), Joe Tomasko (Numismatic Theatre presentation on Early American Coppers

specialist George Clapp), Harry X Boosel (who was presented with the ANA's Farran Zerbe Memorial Award), and Charles Ricard (head of the 1891 Club and winner of a third place Heath Literary Award for "John C. Lighthouse, Numismatic Giant").

John Wilson, who was selected as general chairman of the ANA 100th Anniversary Convention to be held in Chicago in 1991, spoke of his background and his commitment. He clearly is experienced, enthusiastic, and dedicated to doing a superior job.

Mr. Wilson plans to attend regular CCC meetings whenever possible, including the September meeting, when he will continue with the process of putting together a volunteer staff. Mr. Pearlman has already volunteered for the position of Publicity Chairman, and Arthur M. Fitts has volunteered as Patron Chairman. Meetings for staff and other interested parties were scheduled for the IL.N.A. Show at the Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows on Saturday November 11, the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Hyatt Regency Chicago on Saturday March 17 at 3:00pm, and the Central States Numismatic Society Show in Milwaukee on Saturday April 7, 1990 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. For those who cannot attend a meeting, Mr. Wilson can be contacted at P.O. Box 27185, Milwaukee, WI 53227, or 414/545-8636.

Mr. Pearlman nominated Harry X Boosel to serve as Honorary Chairman of the convention. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Boosel had chaired the last ANA Convention held in Chicago, in 1966. The Secretary will write the ANA, informing it of the Club's decision.

Exhibitors for the evening were Robert Leonard (English small change from the 13th century), Charles Ricard (medals that he received at the ANA and a 1788 English Conder Token), Drew Michyeta (1942 peso of Uruguay, a silver round, a Dutch ANA token, and a medal with a state seal), Donn Pearlman (1951 Detroit token, encased steel cent, Adna Wilde token, Culver Peak token, and Bermuda Mint "slabbed" coin), John Wilson (clock and spider press print), Bill Shepard (1916 German Medal), Harry X Boosel (Zerbe award and other convention memorabilia), and Harry Flower (leather encased silver dollar), Door prizes were awarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

A MEMO FROM JOHN WILSON

Dear Chicago Coin Club Officers and Membership,

At the 98th ANA Convention in Pittsburgh I was confirmed by the Board of Governors to be the General Chairman for the American Numismatic Association 100th Anniversary Convention in Chicago, Illinois - the Rosemont/O'Hare Exposition Center. I sincerely appreciate being nominated for the General Chairmanship by the Chicago Coin Club at their July, 1989 meeting. I will take the honor that you have bestowed on me very seriously and dedicate all my time, energies, strengths, enthusiasm and experience in making this the absolute best ANA Convention ever held. I cannot do it myself and need YOUR help.

Attached to this letter is a list of Committee Chairmanship positions. PLEASE volunteer for an assignment for this most important ANA event, of all time. Besides the positions listed there might be more Chairmanships needed. I used the Pittsburgh '89 Chairmanships as a guide for our Chairmanships. There may be more posts, or there may be less, but the more we fill the less costly the convention will be. These positions are very important and the quicker we can get them filled the better off we will be. I should mention that any position that we may not be able to fill, the ANA will render assistance and give us a hand. Robert Leuver mentioned that he would like to have a meeting with "The CCC 100th Committee" sometime around November of this year. I look forward to talking and meeting with some of you at the August 16, 1989 CCC meeting. I again want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for selecting me for this most important assignment.

Yours in Numismatics,
John Wilson

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ANA CHICAGO CONVENTION

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PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN - Donn Pearlman

PATRON CHAIRMAN - Arthur M. Fitts

CONVENTION COORDINATOR - Ruthann Brettell
ANA, 818 N. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED

PRE-REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
REGISTRATION CO-CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
TOUR CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
BOURSE/PROPERTY CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
FINANCE CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
PAGE CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
YN CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
EDUCATION CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
BANQUET CHAIRMAN - VACANT, VOLUNTEER NEEDED

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO **SEPTEMBER, 1909**

During 1909, Orville Wright would demonstrate the success of the Wright Brothers' airplane. That same year, Bell and Howell Company's Albert S. Howell eliminated the "flicker" from motion pictures with a standard camera that permitted precise control of the film movement.

The 68th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held September 3, 1909, with President **Virgil Brand** presiding. **Louis Mohr** was elected to membership. The exhibitors for the evening were **Ted Leon** (some rare patterns of early California gold pieces), **Virgil Brand** and **Mr. Veckler** (each showing ancient Greek silver coins, with Mr. Brand also showing a five franc piece of Henry V "The Pretender" of France, struck on a planchet of quintuple thickness).

An article appeared in the September-October issue of "The Numismatist" telling of the numismatic treasures of New England being drawn to Chicago. **Virgil Brand** had recently purchased the entire collections of **Dr. Thomas Hall**, and the great gold collection of the late **DeWitt S. Smith**, in addition to many rarities from the celebrated **Stickney** collection.

60 YEARS AGO **SEPTEMBER, 1929**

Southsiders didn't have much to cheer about that year as the White Sox finished in seventh place with a dismal 59-93 record. Northsiders, on the other hand, saw the Cubs finish with a 98-54 record and go on to the World Series! Holy Cow!! Way to go Cubbies!! They lost to Philadelphia, however, 4 games to 1. Bummer.

The 127th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 4, 1929, with 49 members and guests present. The applications of **John J.M. Kuebler, Mrs. Amy E. Brown**, and **Paul J. Ginther** were read as all were elected to membership. **R.E. Davis** read a paper titled "Early Chicago Numismatics"

(of which no copy exists in the Club archives), while **Theo Leon** read a paper dealing with the broken bank notes of the Bank of Chicago, which dealt with some of the eccentricities of Chicago banker **Seth Paine**. The death of charter member **Judson Brenner** was reported. Mr. Brenner was also a charter member of the Chicago Numismatic Society and the American Numismatic Association, for which he had also served as the first president. The evening's exhibitors were **R.E. Davis** (pennies from Edward the Confessor, William the Conqueror and Richard I, early Chicago storecards from Burbank and Shaw, Pearson and Dana, C.N. Holden & Co., and C.D. Peacock, and Potter Palmer notes of 25C and 50C), **Mr. Mielcarek** (silver zeppelin medal), **Mrs. Leon** (uncirculated U.S. Assay $20 gold piece of 1853, an uncirculated $20 gold piece from Moffat & Co. dated 1852, and an extremely fine $10 Moffat & Co. gold piece of 1849), **Dr. Rackus** (Russian medals of Peter the Great, Elizabeth I, Alexander I and Sirgi Stepanovicki, the mastermind of the Russian Secret Service, and a Polish medal of the Exposition of Cracow).

40 YEARS AGO **SEPTEMBER, 1949**

Chicago baseball fans had nothing to cheer about during the summer of 1949, as the White Sox finished in 6th while the Cubs finished in 8th.

The 368th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 6th, 1949, with 55 members and 5 guests present. **Ben Wolman, Robert A. Johanson** and **Halloween Martin Kurtzeborn** were elected to membership. Club member and recently elected ANA President, **M. Vernon Sheldon**, presented silver 25 year membership medals to **Alden Scott Boyer, Marie Boyer** and **Ernst Jonas. Mr. Boyer**, a past president of both the CCC and ANA, was called upon to address the membership. His talk was about Chicago numismatics in the early years of the century, and about his various hobbies, the latest being old photographic studios and equipment.

20 YEARS AGO **SEPTEMBER, 1969**

Forty people attended the 608th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club held September 10, 1969. **Harry X Boosel** turned over to **President Babka** the Club's 50 year ANA membership award that he accepted on behalf of the Club at the ANA convention. **Glenn Smedley** presented the First Place Lewis Regan Memorial Award for the best paper by a junior member to **Alvin Kress. James Plath** was presented with the second place award. **Glenn Smedley** presented a motion, which was passed, to have the Club's obverse die from the 50th anniversary medal cancelled, returned to the Club, and exhibited at the upcoming P.N.G. show. Whatever happened to this die is unknown, as it is not in the Club Archives.

REGIONAL CLUB NEWS

The Oak Forest Coin Club holds its 9th Annual Show Sunday, September 17th at the Alsip Holiday Inn, Franklin Room, 5000 W. 127th Street in Alsip, IL. Admission is free.

The Elgin Coin Club presents its 27th Annual Coin Show Sunday, October 29th, 1989 from 9AM to 4PM at the Elgin Holiday Inn Ballroom, 345 West River Road, Route 31 South of I-90, Elgin Illinois. Admission is free.

BASEBALL CARDS AND NUMISMATICS
An Editorial By Joseph R. O'Connor

"Coin World", August 23, 1989 - "No jewelry, baseball cards on ANA bourse , ANA Board nixes idea to offer non-numismatic items at shows"

At first, I breathed a sigh of relief upon reading this sensible headline, yet I read on. "ANA Vice President Kenneth L. Hallenbeck introduced the motion during the ANA Board's Aug. 8 open session prior to the association's 98th Anniversary Convention in Pittsburgh. Hallenbeck's motion, if passed, would have permitted dealers "one-two cases of non-numismatic items at a table, at our annual shows, not to exceed 50 percent of the table space or two cases maximum, e.g. watches, jewelry, etc." Hallenbeck said it is "kind of laudable to keep the convention purely numismatic."

Laudable? In my opinion the suggestion, especially by the ANA Vice President, to allow The annual ANA Convention to erode into the flea market of baseball cards, used jewelry, candied peanuts and brass giraffes that typifies the demise of many regional shows, greatly surprises me. It displays complete ignorance of the purpose of the American Numismatic Association, and complete disregard for the student of numismatics.

Through our coins, we are able to maintain a remembrance of our history, an appreciation of our art, and a continuity of our culture. Baseball cards, for which benefit the largest push for non-numismatic items is made, serve only to glorify a small group of men who arguably get paid too much to strike a ball with a piece of wood! Will someone please explain to me the historical significance of Billy Ripken compared to the likes of Julius Ceasar, George Washington, Maria Theresa, Queen Victoria and Czar Nicholas? While I cheer for the Cubs, and express sympathy for the White Sox, I see no shortage of numismatic dealers waiting for tables at the ANA. Keep the ANA, and especially the regional and local coin clubs (which are the most vulnerable) from becoming cardboard dugouts in disguise. (Your comments and supporting/opposing views are requested.)

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09 - William A. Pettit
11 - Miss Leah Klein
16 - Richard J. Sheppard
18 - Michael M. Dolnick
21 - Karen L. Jorstad
24 - Michael A. Pesha

CLASSICAL NUMISMATIC BOURSE COMES TO CHICAGO

Featured speakers on Classical Numismatics have always attracted high attendance at our monthly meetings. In light of this, Carl Wolf has obtained a number of invitations to the Classical Numismatic Bourse, scheduled for a stop in Chicago September 23 and 24, in the Bastille Room of the Hotel Sofitel near O'Hare International Airport, at 5550 N. River Road. About a dozen dealers from various parts of the country are expected to staff tables. The CNB approach features a relaxed atmosphere where collectors are able to enjoy conversing with dealers and other collectors. Invitations are required at the door, so please call Carl Wolf at (312)454-9696 if you wish to attend.

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SEPTEMBER CCC MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 1989
7:30 PM 1 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 17TH FLOOR
AT THE OFFICES OF CHECKER, SIMON & ROSNER

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MINUTES OF THE 847TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB PART 1, AUGUST 9, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., with four attending. A motion was carried to suspend all business until the next meeting.

Exhibits for the evening were: Charlie Ryant with a proof 20 cent piece and George Lill with an 1808 eight reales piece counterstamped to 640 reis for circulation in Portugal. Interspersed with the exhibits was an interesting tale of how the spelling of Ryant came to be.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Jorstad
Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 848TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB SEPTEMBER 13, 1989

President Bob Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:40 with 23 members and 2 guests, Esther Goldberg and Irv Holmes.The minutes of the August 16 meeting were approved as published in the Chatter, and the minutes of a meeting of members August 9 was also approved. The treasurer's report for July was approved as read.

Mr. Holmes was the speaker, talking on "Where Do We Go in Numismatics After U.S.?" He entertained the club with a description of a wide variety of collecting interests he has pursued besides U.S. coinage. Drew Michyeta presented him with an engraved club medal in appreciation for his talk Mr. Michyeta, program chairman, reported he will send a list of auction lots to be published in the Chatter prior to the November auction. Auction lots, or information about them, will still be accepted at the October meeting.

President Leonard reported correspondence. A letter from Robert Leuver of the ANA noted our nomination Of Harry X.

Boosel as honorary 1991 convention chair. No decision has yet been made on the nomination. Donn Pearlman sent a note thanking the club for its support in his campaign for ANA governor.

On behalf of Joe O'Connor, who could not attend, Mr. Leonard presented several suggestions. First, Mr. O'Connor asked if the club was willing to spend $17 more a month to have the Chatter done differently (as it was in September). The club consensus was that this was fine, unless the new format weighed more and required additional postage. Second, he suggested classified ads in the Chatter. After some discussion, the club voted without dissent to allow classified ads only, for members only, at no charge. Each member may have one ad per issue, and an ad could not be run in more than one issue unless resubmitted. Third, he suggested members voice their opinions to the ANA about the possibility of having baseball cards of other non-numismatic items at the ANA conventions. Members expressed strong agreement that numismatic shows should be devoted only to numismatic material. The club instructed Mr. O'Connor to send a copy of his editorial in the September Chatter, by certified mail, to Robert Leuver on behalf of the club.

John Wilson delivered a report on progress on the 1991 convention. He said Robert Leuver and other ANA staff are interested in attending the organizational meeting on Saturday, November 11 at 2:00. This is being held at the Rolling Meadows Holiday Inn during the Illinois N.A. annual convention. All people interested in helping on the convention, in positions from chairman down, were urged to attend. Mr. Wilson will prepare a letter, and Dave Simpson will send it to other area coin clubs. Among a number of good ideas suggested was to have a souvenir program and a pocket guide. The 1991 ANA convention is scheduled for August 12 (PNG day) to August 18 at the Rosemont Expo Center, Rosemont, IL.

After some discussion of people to fill chairman positions, William Swoger as assistant chairman, Charles Ricard as 1991 Club chairman, Pete Jorstad as finance chairman, and Joel Reznick as the tour chairman were accepted. Mr. Leonard will fill Mr. Wilson in on the abilities of CCC members, particularly those not present. Joel Reznick urged that everyone in the CCC make a commitment to the convention, particularly those in leadership positions.

Regarding an ANA medal, Mr. Ricard informed the club that the five member committee to choose the design had been formed with no CCC members. Mr. Wilson was asked to check to see if the CCC can have some input in the design.

Exhibits were by Charles Ricard (Alexander III coin of Greece), Bob Leonard (Denver bank book and Clark Gruber &

Co. gold coin), Ben Odesser (medals of H. Soloman and U. Levi), Harry Flower (silver Krugerrand), Dave Simpson (Scottish 1 pound note and Montrose, PA. national banknote), Chester Poderski (U.S. silver dollars), Harry Boosel (Zerbe framed award and 1942 Numismatist), Andrew Michyeta (silver peso of Uruguay), and John Wilson (elongated coin, wooden nickels, and checks).

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO **OCTOBER, 1909**

In the fall of 1909, football fans had to reckon with adding points up differently. A field goal would receive a value of three points. This was down from four in 1904, and five points in 1883.

The 69th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held October 1, 1909, with President Virgil Brand presiding. S.B. Ryder and C.S. Lesher were elected to membership. William Dunham read a paper on Canadian Coins, Tokens, and Medals, and exhibited his collection of 460 of Breton's numbers, many of which were of great rarity. Virgil Brand showed an uncirculated aureus of Procopius, and a one and a five-cent "holy" patterns in silver, and one of Dr. Hall's 1793 clover leaf cents.

60 YEARS AGO **OCTOBER, 1929**

The U.S. Stock Exchange in New York collapsed on October 28, sixty years ago. The day became known as "Black Friday". U.S. securities would lose $26 billion in value, thousands of people were financially ruined during this one day of trading, some even committed suicide by jumping out windows, and a world economic crisis became like none the world saw before or has seen since.

Little could club members have foreseen the impending calamity that was heading their way when they held their 128th meeting on October 2, 1929, with 43 members and guests present. The applications of Leif Ronning and H.A. Opalla were read and they were accepted into membership. Theo. Leon presented each member with a mimeographed copy of his paper on broken bank noted of the Bank of Chicago, which he read at the September meeting. The Club Archives does not have a copy, but if you know of one, please inform the Archivist. Some of the evenings twelve exhibitors were: Mr. Rosolm, copper coins of 1624, '25, and '14 of Denmark's Christian IV (1588-1648), and a 1651 sosling of Frederick

III (1648-70); Dr. Rackus, 34 Polish crowns and a unique amethyst signet ring seal of the last King of Poland; Mr. Jackson, half eagles of 1795, '96, '97, and 1800, plus two beautiful silver dollars of 1797 and '99; Mr. Collins, 11 uncirculated half dollars from 1825 to '88 and a no star Missouri half dollar; Mr. Thacker, 60 Civil War store cards; R.E. Davis, five large medals struck in wood from the 1893 Columbian Exposition and a $3 note from the Dixon Hotel Company; Mr. Josephson, a half dollar and $2 1/2 Panama-Pacific set in its original box, and a set of Maundy money of Charles II; and Mr. Cederlund, 20 pieces of cut money from Tortola and St. Lucia.

40 YEARS AGO **OCTOBER, 1949**

On October 26, 1949, the U.S. Congress raised the minimum hourly wage from 40c to 75c. The month before President Truman would announce, "We have evidence that in recent weeks an atomic explosion occurred in the U.S.S.R."

The 369th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held October 4, 1949, with 65 members and 13 guests present. Jane H. Rauen was elected to membership. It was announced that the Club was now accepting Junior Members and asked all members to bring seriously interested youngsters to the meeting. Some exhibits for the evening were: Mr. Jonas, Silesia-Munsterberg-Oels ducats from 1533, 1546, and 1557; and Mr. Bebee, a Christmas folder with a $2 1/2 gold piece.

20 YEARS AGO **OCTOBER, 1969**

Forty-five members attended the 609th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club held October 8, 1969. The applications of Louis Bergmann, Miss Leah Klein, and Russell Rulua were accepted into membership. The featured speaker for the evening was Gerda Birkholz who showed slides and narrated a trip she and her husband, Al, recently took to Germany. The exhibitors for the evening were: Gerda Birkholz, Pete Spadoni, Glenn B.Smedley, I.T. Kopicki, William Pettit, Andrew Oberbillig, Harry Flower, and Arthur Allen.

EDITORIAL RESPONSE

Donn Pearlman writes-

The editorial by Joseph R. O'Connor in the September 1989 issue of the Chatter raises interesting and important questions about baseball cards and numismatics. While I doubt that American Numismatic Association President Ken Hallenbeck's proposal to permit buying and selling of non-numismatic items at future ANA conventions would lead to what O'Connor humorously describes as a "flea market of baseball cards, used jewelry, candied peanuts, and brass giraffes," it might come close.

Hallenbeck's suggestion merely mirrors what has been happening in many coin shops. To survive, dealers have stocked what customers want -- baseball cards are a big seller these days -- or expanded the display space for items already carried, such as jewelry. For the first time, the huge Long Beach, California Numismatic and Philatelic Exposition will have a baseball card section this month (October). Maybe there'll be a dealer at Long Beach specializing in slabbed brass giraffes?

You won't see him at ANA conventions, though. Because of its federally-chartered status as a non-profit NUMISMATIC educational organization, there might be major tax problems if the ANA permitted sales of non-numismatic related items on the bourse floor. Sure, some jewelry items can be found, such as gold coin rings and bezzles to hold coins, there's even some baseball memorabilia, too. At the recent Pittsburgh convention I caught a dollar-size medal depicting the 1951 Detroit Tigers home schedule. Don't ask me why. I just thought it was neat.

However, I took a pass on the one ounce silver Batman medallions available at a few tables. Now, if only some dealer had offered candied peanuts . . . . .

EDITOR'S NOTE: My comments regarding the mere suggestion by a then Vice President, now President of the American Numismatic Association to allow the sale of non-numismatic items at the ANA conventions were not meant to be humorous, but factual. My editorial was not a warning of what could happen, as the ANA Board did not pass the motion, but simply an opinion of how ignorant a suggestion this was. The actions of a commercial show promoter, guided by profit, do not provide a suitable role model for the Show Committee of the American Numismatic Association, an organizational whose purpose is that of education and the dissemination of information.

I recently expressed these same opinions to a meeting of the Oak Forest Coin Club, just prior to their annual show in September. The membership of the OFCC agreed with me, and followed up that agreement with action. Rather than fill the unsold tables at their show with baseball card dealers, as suggested by one, they remained empty. This resulted in a net loss of $200 for the OFCC, a hefty sum for a local club accustomed to a shoestring shoestring budget.

I guess I could just have an "aw shucks" attitude of inevitability as some would suggest, and maybe go with the flow and write a baseball card book to show around at the local coin clubs to my fellow fair-weather numismatists, but instead I succumbed to a knee-jerk reaction. I instantly wrote a check to the Oak Forest Coin Club for $200 to cover their losses, and volunteered some of the few spare hours I

may have every week to act as their 1990 show chairman. What will YOU do?

AUCTION NOTES

While scheduled for this issue of the "Chatter", Drew Michyeta has assured me that a complete listing of mouth-watering lots in our November "Member Benefit" Auction will be ready for the next issue. "Best get those bidding paddles warmed up!"

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14 - Marcella L. Sheldon
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18 - John Manus
19 - Phyllis Eisenberg

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OCTOBER CCC MEETING OCTOBER 11, 1989
7:30 PM 1 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 17TH FLOOR
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THE EVENING'S FEATURED SPEAKER WILL BE
CCC MEMBER BILL SHEPARD
"U.S. COINS - MAKING SENSE OUT OF CENTS"
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

OCTOBER 1989 - BILL SHEPARD, "U.S. COINS - MAKING SENSE OUT OF CENTS"

NOVEMBER 1989 - MEMBER BENEFIT AUCTION

DECEMBER 1989 - CCC BANQUET, ROGER BOYD

JANUARY 1990 - MARK PEDDERS, "UNDERSTANDING U.S. ERROR COINS" (ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 1989)

PLEASE NOTE: It has been requested that CCC members NOT arrive at the meeting place before 7:00pm. Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

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MINUTES OF THE 849TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
OCTOBER 11, 1989

President Bob Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:45, with 22 members and one guest, Walter Mustain, present. The main speaker was member Bill Shepard, whose topic was "Making Sense of Cents." He discussed the Lincoln cent series by date, and based on his years of experience, commented on the rarity and average condition of many of the issues. He concluded by spotlighting some coins that he considered undervalued. Following his talk, Drew Michyeta presented him with an engraved speakers medal.

Charles Ricard reported that the Literary Awards Committee, consisting of Bill Mock, Andrew Michyeta, and Mel Frear, with Mr. Ricard as non-voting chairman, will review two papers submitted for the non-competitive awards.

Mr. Michyeta confirmed that the club will hold its member benefit auction in November, and Chester Poderski was volunteered as auctioneer. Drew also confirmed that Roger Boye will be the featured speaker at this year's CCC Annual Banquet to be held in lieu of the December meeting.

Walter Mustain's application for membership was read and approved the first time by the club.

Carl Wolf suggested the club nominate Virgil Brand for the Numismatic Hall of Fame. The club agreed, with Carl to submit the resolution to the ANA. (A copy of the resolution is printed in this Chatter.)

Regarding the 1991 ANA convention, John Wilson talked about the open organizing meeting, to be held at the Illinois Numismatic Association Convention Saturday, November 11 at 2:00 in the Holiday Inn, Streamwood, IL. Ruthann Brettell, convention director of the ANA, and possibly Bob Leuver, executive director, will attend. Harry X Boosel has been confirmed by the ANA Board of Governors as

the honorary chairman of the convention. Both Mr. Swoger and Mr. Leonard have agreed to be assistant co-chairmen (under General Chairman John Wilson). Mr. Ricard will be 1891 club liason--not a committee chairman. Because of CCC dissatisfaction with this arrangement, Mr. Wilson will raise the issue of a separate 1891 committee again with ANA. He also mentioned some committee title changes mandated by ANA, and some probable committee chairmen. He said a club member can act as a liason with the ANA's 1991 medal committee, but will not be able to vote. This also created some dissatisfaction.

In new business, Mr. Wolf volunteered to complete arrangements for the December banquet. Harry X and Tillie Boosel have done the preliminary work. Three door prizes were awarded.

Exhibitors for the evening were **Mr Swoger** (first ANA auction catalog, conducted by Ben Green), **Harry Flower** ($1.00 bill autographed by Matt Rothert, who pushed to have "In God We Trust" put on it), **Mr. Ricard** (a medal showing Greek gods), **Mr. Leonard** (Ukranian cardboard stamp money, USSR commemorative, Ukranian trade dollars from Canada), **Mr. Boosel** (pictures of banknotes on postcards, a pin, Krause collector series note (#1873), silver dollar, 2 1/2 cent token), **Nancy Wilson** (1877 Indian head cent coaster, overprinted Red Books), **Mr. Wilson** (souvenir cards, elongated cents, obsolete Bank of Chicago banknote), **Mr. Michyeta** (1944 Slovakian coin), and **Stan Kruswicki** (1939 PDS mint set he bought at a CCC auction in the early 1950s).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

NOMINATION TO THE A.N.A. HALL OF FAME

Virgil M. Brand (1862-1926), 2530 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was the owner of the Brand Company Brewery. He was, according to many, "the world's greatest coin collector," because he had amassed the largest and most valuable privately owned coin collection the world has ever seen. The size of his holdings easily outnumbered those of King Farouk and other great collectors. It was seldom a dealer could offer him a coin that he did not already own. So great was his love of collecting that some years he alone would spend more money on coins than the combined sums of all auctions held in the United States.

Mr. Brand was not just an accumulator of coins. He was also an avid numismatic student. He had assembled a massive numismatic library to compliment his large collection.

Correspondence, ledgers, and other records left by him, leave no doubt that he read the books from his library. He was perhaps the most knowledge numismatist of his time.

Mr. Brand was a shy man, with a retiring disposition and a dislike for publicity and travel. He did, however, love to share his knowledge in the fraternity of other collectors. He was one of the first to join the Chicago Numismatic Society in 1903, attended regularly and served as their president in 1908-09. The minutes of the Society show that at almost every meeting he spoke to the members, enlightening them on some phase of numismatics and showing them rare specimens that the average numismatist would never see. He was member no. 55 of the Chicago Coin Club, but by 1919, he was beginning to slow down and did not play the major role he did with the Society.

None to today's Chicago Coin Club members had the pleasure to know Mr. Brand, but all of us have heard his legend. Therefore, we hearby unanimously nominate Virgil M. Brand to the A.N.A. Hall of Fame.

The above was made into a motion and passed at the October 11, 1989 meeting of the Chicago Coin Club.

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO **NOVEMBER, 1909**

Northwestern University's football team would finish the fall with a 1-3-1 record. The University of Illinois would do even worse, finishing off their year with a 5-2 record

The 70th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held November 5, 1909 with 19 present. On a motion, the Committee on Medallic Production was authorized to proceed to have medals struck commemorating the arrival of the gunboat Nashville in Chicago Harbor. Under exhibitions **Wm. F. Dunham** showed a complete set of U.S. cents in practically uncirculated condition and every date of the gold dollars, quarter eagles, three dollars and half eagles. **Virgil Brand** exhibited a Japanese oban, two Paduan medallions in silver and bronze, gold patterns of the English cartwheel series and a ten-dollar Templeton Reid gold piece; **Mr. Williams** showed varieties of ducats of Louis Napoleon struck for Holland, and **Mr. Veckler** showed several Greek silver pieces.

60 YEARS AGO **NOVEMBER, 1929**

The Kingdom of Serbo-Croat-Slovene changed its name to Yugoslavia and the "Graf Zeppelin" airship flew around the world (21,255 miles) in 20 days, 4 hours, 14 minutes. What a machine!

The 129th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held November 6, 1929 with 53 members and guests present. The exhibitors for the evening were: **Mr. Sheldon** (tetradrachms of Alexander the Great, Lysimachus, and Antiochus), **Mr. Budvitis** (twenty U.S. broken bank notes, and forty Europeon bank notes from a variety of countries), **Mr. Mielcarek** (five Thomas Edison medals, one being five inches in diameter), Dr. **Rachus** (a bronze Libertas Americana medal, several varieties of wampum, and an original photograph of the death-bed scene of Abraham Lincoln), and **Mr. S.J. Brown**(a variety of ancient coins too numerous to mention here).

40 YEARS AGO **NOVEMBER, 1949**

The first nonstop round-the-world flight was completed March 2, 1949, by Air Force pilots flying the B-50 Superfortress Lucky Lady II, refueled in midair and arrived at Fort Worth, Texas, after a 23,452 mile flight of 94 hours, 1 minute.

The 370th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held November 1, 1949, with 61 members and 12 guests present. **Philip J. More** was elected to membership, and **James Rauen** was elected as the first junior member of the club. Exhibitors for the evening were **Mr. Jonas** (Tempo cash from Japan, and 100 sen from Loo Choo Islands), **Mr. Amidon** (1929 five lati from Latvia), **Col. Curtis** (100,000 lei silver from Romania), and **Mr. Powills** (an extensive collection of Mexican Revolutionary coins 1913-17).

20 YEARS AGO **NOVEMBER, 1969**

The 610th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held November 12, 1969. The main discussion of the meeting was the recently held P.N.G. show and some of its shortcomings. Exhibits for the evening were given by: **Gerda Birkholz, Lee Hewitt, Harry Flower, Arthur Allen,** and **William Pettit.**

1991 A.N.A. CONVENTION

The following was mailed to Chicago area coin clubs September 14, 1989.

"At the September 1989 Chicago Coin Club meeting it was brought up by the membership to ask area coin clubs for their support and help in our hosting the 100th ANA Chicago convention. This very important convention will be held on August 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1991 (Tuesday - Sunday), with PNG Day on the 12th, at the O'Hare Exposition Center, in Rosemont. Since there is a possibility that the Chicago Coin Club may not be able to fill all the Chairmanships, it was the feeling of the club to fill any vacancies with Illinois Numismatists. Because of the size of the event we will also have a possible need for Assistant Chairmanship positions. It is the sincere hope of the Chicago Coin Club

membership to try to keep all of the Chairmanships of this important convention in the Chicago or Illinois area before seeking volunteers from other parts of the country.

We hope you will help us to make this the absolute greatest numismatic event ever held. You can do this by starting right now to talk up the 100th ANA Chicago Convention with all your numismatic friends. As we get closer to the event if you have friends or relatives in the media, you can request a press release from ANA Headquarters and have it published, or read over the air, on a TV or Radio Talk Show. We are fortunate to have Donn Pearlman as an ANA Governor and member who works for CBS. We know he will do all he can to get information out through that source.

I would like to take this time now to invite all interested Numismatists to an important organizational meeting to be held on Saturday, November 11th at 2:00 p.m., in conjunction with the 1989 Illinois Numismatic Association Annual Convention, at the Rolling Meadows Holiday Inn (located at the intersection of Routes 53 and 62 (just off I-90), and is just ten minutes from O'Hare airport). This 75 dealer convention features an ANACS table and Educational Program. Dates are November 10 - 12, 1989. The ILLNA Convention contact is: Steve Vesely, Box 369, New Lenox, IL 60451. I would also like to invite you to one of our Chicago Coin Club meetings held at 7:30 p.m., on the second Wednesday of each month at One South Wacker Drive, 17th Floor at the Offices of Checker, Simon, and Rosner. It is the hope of the Chicago Coin Club that ALL OF US can make this truly a memorable event that will not be topped until 2091. Please write me if you have any questions. Hope to see you soon."

Yours in Numismatics, John Wilson
1991 ANA Convention General Chairman

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The auction rules are simple. If you wish to bid on any of the lots listed, please come to the November meeting as no mail bids will be accepted. All successful bids are payable in cash at the close of the auction. Any additional consignments may be brought to the November meeting for sale to the highest bidders. Good Luck!

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18. MEXICO 1865 Gold token struck by admirers of Emperor Maximilian Value: $4.95 MB $2.95
19. RARE COIN CO. OF AMERICA-to commemorate U.S. Bicentennial 4 pieces
20. US Bronze Star Medal

Paper Money

21. REPUBLICA MEXICANA "50 Centavos" Coupon (Paper Ticket)

Numismatic Literature

22. "Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine" 3 years 1969-1971 Missing September 1969 and July 1970
23. "Quarterly Journal of the Central States Numismatic Society" (Volume 36, Numbers 1-2-3-4)
24. "Standard Catalogue of U.S. Coins 1950" Fourteenth Edition by Wayte Raymond
25. Set of Red Books "A Guidebook of U.S. Coins" Yeoman

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30. Chicago Numismatic Society Minted: Whitehead and Hoag 1910 "Progress in Aviation" Medal
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32. Another Like Above
33. Chicago Coin Club 100th Meeting Medal Bronze
34. Chicago Numismatic Society 50th Meeting Medal
35. Chicago Coin Club "25th Anniversary Medal" SILVER 1944
36. Chicago Coin Club "500th Meeting Medals" September 14, 1960 One BRONZE, one SILVER 2 pieces
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WHO'S BEEN GOING THROUGH ABE LINCOLN'S POCKETS?
A Fictional Account by Hugh Cooper

The World Will Little Note . . .

It was a dirty, poorly lighted place and everyone wore his coat in the rude little tavern called the Six Mile House in Hardin County. You could see the steam of your breath and of your buttered rum, but the rum cooled very quickly. Somehow keeping your pipe lit seemed to help keep you warm. Dr. Calhoun was sitting next to the fire because he had come in first. One other bundled up man sat at the big table smoking and sipping and muttering. The tavern was more or less open at all times. If you knew how to work the metal and rope latches you could get inside at any time, so the doctor had come in before 6 AM and had stirred the fire. He had knocked some snow off the boughs in front of the door and then had pushed some snow away from the door. Every visitor during the day would do the same, using the wooden shovel which hung on two pegs close to the door.

Inside, a soldering copper hung over the fire and from time to time someone took the copper and stuck it into his drink to heat it up. They heard a man swinging the shovel outside and presently the crude door swung open and another bundled up steaming man shuffled in. He went to the fire, poured himself a rum drink and stared into the dark to see who was there.

"Hello Doc. That you Charlie? It's sure a brass monkey day." He lifted a newspaper from the table and leaned into the fire to read it. "Will you look at this? November 27th, 1808. Today's February 12th, 1809. Three months old. Lord have mercy! What's going on in the world? Are we at war again?"

Doc Calhoun spoke. "I'm going up to Louisville next week and I'll ask around about whether we're at war. I'll tell them Hardin County is ready to serve. Then I'll get a few newspapers."

Charlie said, "Don't volunteer us for a faraway war. I don't want to walk a long way to this war. Well, anyway, you get around Doc, what's the news?" Doc Calhoun leaned back, sipped his rum, pulled on his pipe and said, "Well, there's nothing earthshaking to tell. Oh, there was a new boy born down to the Lincoln place today. Tom Lincoln's coming up a bit later with some hand made seegars."

Nor Long Remember

Ten months later, on Christmas Eve, 1809, Tom Lincoln was in the Six Mile House having a hot drink and a pipe and a bit of bleak cheer with his neighbors. He sipped and announced, "Another year like this one and I might as well pack it in and go straight to hell for improvement." "Hear,hear," they all cried. Yes, 1809 had been a tough year, but then these chaps were all hardy pioneers and they knew they would go down in history as such, and so it was all worth it. They were tough and they believed they were "chosen". Even the resident County drunkard and mendicant believed he was among the "chosen". So, tough years were almost welcome.

The tavern owner, Harry Boone, came out of the little bunkhouse in back and flung three newspapers onto the big table. "That's all the reading I have for now. Maybe somebody will get up to Louisville or Cincinnati. "Meanwhile", Harry said, putting a jug on the table, "everybody drinks free corn whiskey today. Don't be a bunch of swine."

"That's very good of you Harry," said Doc Calhoun, "considering we all are partial to rum."

"Corn is the coming thing in Kentucky. Rum is too dear."

"Well," said Tom Lincoln, "before we get stupid I want to get something for my boy's first Christmas."

"Ah, your new boy. What did you name him? I forgot all about your boy."

"His name is Abraham. I thought I'd get him a bright new penny to hold on to. Might teach him thrift. Who has a bright penny?"

Each man checked his pockets though they all knew very well what was there. No one had a new penny.

"How about you, Harry? You've got money hidden back there. What I want is a 1809 penny. That's the boy's birth year since you fellers can't remember."

Harry peered into his purse, but of course he had no new pennies. In fact, he seldom took in coins of any kind. Mostly he just kept accounts. Then,"Hold on Tom. I think I remember something in the back." He pushed aside the curtain to his bunkhouse and rummaged around a bit and then came back. "Look here," said Harry, "I've got a new penny." He leaned toward the fire. "No," he said, "it's not 1809. It's 1799. I remember putting it away because it was from the last century, and because it was pretty new. Will this do?"

Lincoln took the coin and looked it over. The old design didn't bother him. He saw so few coins he didn't really know the pennies had been changed. "Well, I really wanted an 1809, but I don't have any selection in the matter. The 1799 looked bright and new and the boy will admire it. Maybe he'll learn to save. What do you want for it?"

"Oh", said Harry, "a penny's a penny. We'll work it out. I'll need some carpentering before you get busy in the spring."

"Much obliged, Harry. I'll make it right with you."

What They Did Here

In 1830 when Abe Lincoln and his cousin had to spilt 3000 fence rails, it is known that he still had his 1799 cent. The two young men were toiling mightily in a hot field in Macon County, Illinois, when it occurred to his cousin to say, "Let's take a pause and refresh ourselves." Lincoln, ever resourceful, thought of the nearby creek, but his cousin meant the log tavern across the verdant mead. The repaired to the tavern and requested two beers. Lincoln naturally assumed that his cousin was paying, as it was his idea, but coz was destitute. Lincoln inspected his purse. He had a dime and four large cents, the 1799 and three later dates. His father had given him these cents and four others on various Christmases, but Abe had trouble saving them. Abe tried to trade labor for the brews but the tavernkeeper demanded revenue. Abe had to give him two cents, his latest ones. His cousin did not flinch at the expenditure. However, the frugal Abe lamented bitterly all afternoon about his friend's carefree abandon with money not his own. "You should cultivate a taste for branch water rather than for my treasure. I'm glad I didn't have $10. The taste of Macon County beer will remain forever bitter to me."

All the while Abe's cousin muttered a steady avalanche of epithets about Abe's frugality. "Damned skinflint" was the kindest.

Our Poor Power

Are you aware that Joseph J. Mickley for many years tried to find a 1799 cent in circulation because that was the year of his birth? "No!" you will say, "not the Joseph J. Mickley? He was the barber, was he not?" No, he was not. He was the piano maker. Also, he is thought to be one of the first collectors of American coins. Mickley began his search for a 1799 cent in 1816 when he was 17 years old and it cost him considerable effort and time before he located one. He threw back dozens of brand new 1809s.

Lincoln is said to have met Mickley after he was elected to the House in 1847. Mary Todd, his spendthrift wife, wanted to buy a piano, so they waltzed into Mickley's shop where he built, repaired, and sold pianos. Mary Todd craved a grand piano, but Abe favored a previously owned smaller piano to use until she learned how to play it. He began a parable about thrift. "Did I ever tell you about the time I jumped over a clear creek merely in order to squander precious money on ardent spirits?" "No," said Mary Todd, "no, and I do not wish to hear it now. I esteem your homely stories when they appear in print, but when they are recited to me I find them smug and insufferable. By all means get the cheap piano. 'Honest Abe' indeed! Stingy Abe is what I call it."

Lincoln bought the grand piano, on time, of course.

As always with Lincoln when the subject of money came up his 1799 Christmas penny came out for display. By this time the penny had acquired some pocket friction, but no doubt it was still a very pretty thing. Mickley, as an experienced collector, knew that Lincoln's coin was valuable, and probably he had never seen one as nice. Whatever Mickley offered, the closefisted Lincoln for the 1799 cent, Lincoln still had it when he was shot. The piano has not been traced.

So Nobly Advanced

Stories about Lincoln's loose change became almost non-existent after he became the 16th US president. Indeed, talk about loose change after the war became concerned whether anyone would ever see any again. US coins had disappeared almost instantly and entirely.

Even so, one anecdote more is known about Lincoln's 1799 cent. In September, 1862, five days after the battle of Antietam, John Work Garrett volunteered to take Lincoln to the battlefield in on of his railroad trains so that he could make a major address proclaiming the freedom of slaves in states then in rebellion. Many of the dead were still on the battlefield. John Work Garrett owned the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, plus one of the finest coin collections in the US. It is said that on the return train from Sharpsburg, where Antietam was fought, the conversation naturally drifted to Lincoln's Christmas penny. When Abe said he was born in 1809 Garrett's interest in the penny became merely courteous, but then Lincoln pulled out the cent and Garrett became a different man, and he showed it.

"Why Abe," he said, "you alluded to 1809 as your birthyear, but this cent is dated 1799. I suppose you got the two mixed up."

"No," said Lincoln, "my pa gave me that penny for Christmas in 1809 and I have been carrying it for 53 years or so. It was brand new when he gave it to me."

"It is regretable that your carried it around unprotected for so many years. It is a rather scarce coin, and it would command a premium in a higher state of preservation."

"Scarce, is it?" said Abe. "My father alway said that this was the only penny he could find at the time, so I always thought that made this date plentiful and all the others scarce."

"Just the reverse is true," said Garrett. "And this is still a handsome coin. I do believe it is better than mine. I perceive that you still want to keep it as an heirloom."

"Yes, unless it would yield some specific aid to the war effort, I would not willingly let it go."

"You are a very dedicated man, Mr. President."

"Certainly I am dedicated to the great task remaining before us. The sights on that battlefield today would make anyone serious to the end of his life. When the war ends I'm just going to settle back and study frivolity."

"I'm afraid it isn't in you to be frivolous, Abe."

"Maybe I'm only out of practice," said Abe with his mirthless smile. The train jerked. "We're here," said Garrett. "You're welcome to come home for Christmas dinner this year, except I doubt you can get away."

"Maybe we can John. I'll see."

But he couldn't. Every Christmas until the end of his life was busy, organized, and just about like the day before.

The Unfinished Work, Christmas 1865

Now that the assassin of President Lincoln has been shot dead and his conspirators hanged or imprisoned, and Andrew Johnson has been in office these eight months, still nothing has been done about that old dead dog over on 16th Street. But that is not the only evidence of inactivity by the new administration.

No doubt you have given some thought to what became of the pocket change which Abe Lincoln carried with him to Ford's Theater last Good Friday. A lot of folks are concerned about that. As you may know, the secret service itself conducted a thorough investigation, but the final results are still classified. Immediately after the shooting it was reported that the President had in his change pocket a quarter, a dime, and a "big old-time penny". But the next morning the coins were gone. At that time the secret service told reporters that the President had not had any pocket change, and that the first report was false. You don't believe that and I don't believe it.

I do not believe the secret service because I was with the Lincoln family at Christmas of 1864 when that President and his family got together with the press. It was then that I saw his 1799 penny. He showed the penny around to his wife and offspring and the press. In fact, he said, "Here I am chief administrator of the soon-to-be-reunited Republic and all I have is (here he reached into his pocket) uh, 36 cents in specie. I carry this with me always even though I go nowhere."

Some person or persons have Abe Lincoln's 36 cents, and I mean to keep the scalawags on the run, or tree them. I have found the secret service agent who first saw the coins, and I have interrogated him in the low tavern he frequents. This agent swears he had the coins in his hand at Ford's Theater, and he remembers them well because he had seen so few coins during the war, and because he had leisure to inspect them. The dime had a date in the 1830s. The quarter was dated 1825 and had a letter stamped upon it above the head. The large cent was dated 1799.

"Ah," you will day, "but that was months ago and now the coins are spent and disappeared." I think not. First I suspect the villain who purloined the coins has kept them as momentos. Second, even if this wretch spent the coins, most folks are putting aside any older coins as remembrances when

they appear in everyday commerce. I have spoken also to a curio merchant who peddles coins and he suggests that the coins if in a high state of preservation may have some value above their metal content face value, so that they may be in the hands of merchants or collectors.

What is more certain than anything is that these personal possessions of President Lincoln are national treasures and should be found and impounded as such. As money they are a mere 36 cents but as Lincoln's last pocket change they are part of the glorious history of this Country.

It is urged that anyone who knows anything about the whereabouts of these treasures should contact the editor of this publication.

As usual in estate matters there are various claimants of these low value artifacts. Mary Todd Lincoln has come forward to assert that the 36 cents are part of the President's estate and that whoever pilfered them has a Christian duty to turn them over to her as Executrix. Again, officials in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, all of whom claim to be the birthplace of Lincoln, plan to register claims for his last 36 cents.

And now comes Doctor Jesse C. Calhoun of Hodgenville, Kentucky, to say that Abraham Lincoln owes him precisely 36 cents for opening a pernicious boil on or about December 25, 1815.

Christmas was a big thing in the life of Abraham Lincoln, and of your correspondent. Merry Christmas to all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In the last two "Chatters" efforts have been made to straighten out the ANA and its management, personified by Ken Hallenbeck, who is President based on his threat to "clean up Colorado Springs."

Last week I got a letter from Ken saying that the Early Bird Pass has been discontinued, which is a thing which I among others had urged upon him.

However, I mentioned two other unilateral actions the ANA has taken without polling the membership. I allude to the ANA endorsement circa October 1988 of the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" on our currency. I have written to "The Numismatist" about this, and maybe they will print my letter. It is enough to say that I think the ANA should not presume to speak for its 33,000 members on a political and judicial question, which is far from settled. The majority in this

case should not rule. The ANA is not a political entity, and should not arrogate to itself that function.

As a minor comment on this question, the following sonnet, published anonymously in Penny-Wise, "the journal of Early American Coppers" is offered. Incidentally, if anyone in CCC knows the author or origin of this sublime verse, EAC wants to know, so if you let me know, I'll tell them.

Another thing I wrote Ken Hallenbeck about is changing the ANA logo without checking with the membership. If he had any comment on that he forgot to mention it. I think that questions involving the image of ANA should be referred to us for comment.

The new "Chatter" looks great. Congratulations.

Hugh Cooper

THE DOLLAR AND THE CENT
A big silver dollar and a little brown cent--
Rolling along together they went,
Rolling along the smooth sidewalk,
When the dollar remarked--for the dollar can talk,
You poor little cent, you cheap little mite,
I'm bigger and more than twice as bright;
I'm worth more than you a hundredfold,
and written on me in letters bold
Is the motto drawn from the pious creed,
"In God We Trust," which all can read,
I know, said the cent, I'm a cheap little mite,
and I know I'm not big, nor good, not bright.
And yet, said the cent, with a meek little sigh,
You don't go to church as often as I.

MINUTES OF THE 850TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
NOVEMBER 8, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by President Robert Leonard,with 21 members and one guest present. There was no treasurer's report, and the minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the "Chatter".

In committee business, Mr. Leonard reported that George Lill had submitted an accounting on the club's books to the Secretary/Treasurer. Carl Wolf reported that the banquet is set for December 13 (the regular meeting date) at the Bismark Hotel. The cost per attendee is $20. This arrangement was voted on and approved by the club. Reservations, preferably with payment to the CCC, should be

made with Mr. Wolf at the club address, or by telephone at his office. He should be informed if you want a fish entree. Mr. Wolf reported that Harlan Burke had kindly consented to pay for the club's drinks this year. Drew Michyeta reported that January's speaker will be Mark Peters, on error coins, and February's will speak on Roman coins.

Walter Mustain's application for membership received a second reading and was approved unanimously.

In correspondence, the president referred a letter from the management of the Chicago International Coin Fair to Mr. Michyeta, who will try to arrange the club's meeting on Saturday of the show. A letter from former member Edgar Keller was noted, and a letter from John Wilson was read, updating the club on progress for the 1991 ANA convention.

Exhibitors for the evening were **Harry Flower** (Eisenhower medal), **Bob Leonard** ("Coins of America Conference" book), **Bill Swoger** (ANS 1939 Washington medal and 1760 numismatic reference books), **Chester Poderski** (article on Virgil Brand), and **Harry X Boosel** (double headed coins).

The evening's program was a member-benefit auction. Many of the approximately 60 lots were well attributed with typed information. The able auctioneer was Chester Poderski, assisted by Drew Michyeta and Richard Hamilton. The highest priced lot, Siamese bullet money, went for the minimum $50 bid, and there was strong bidding for several CCC or Chicago Numismatic Society items. The auction realized $366, of which $62 was for items donated to the club (subject to final accounting).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO **DECEMBER, 1909**

King Leopold II of Belgium died after a reign of 41 years. During this year the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was organized in New York.

The 71st meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held December 3, 1909 with **Virgil Brand** presiding as its President for the last time. Progress was reported and lead proofs shown of the Nashville Medal. The committee promised

to have the medals finished and ready for distribution at the next meeting. **Adolph Rau** and **Wm. E. Ashbrook** were elected to membership. **Mr. Baker** read a paper on Greek Tetradrachms, illustrating it with specimens. He also showed his collection of Colonial bills. The election of officers for 1910 resulted in President, **Harry F. Williams**; Vice-President, **E. Elmo Simpson**; Secretary, **Ben G. Green**; Treasurer, **W. F. Dunham**; Censor, **F. M. Tuckerman**; Librarian, **E. C. Verkler**; and Curator, **M. P. Carey**. The Executive Committee was **Virgil M. Brand, Ben G. Green**, and **William F. Dunham**.

60 YEARS AGO **DECEMBER, 1929**

Books written during this year included such classics as Ernest Hemingway's "Farewell to Arms", Erich Maria Remarque's "All Quiet on the Western Front", and Thomas Wolf's "Look Homeward Angel". Popular songs of the day included "Tiptoe Through the Tulips", and "Singin' in the Rain".

The 130th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held December 4, 1929, with 52 members and guests present. The distinguished visitor from Queens College, England, **C.T. Seltman** gave a wonderful and educational talk on Greek coinage, exhibiting some 28 silver tetradrachms and 5 gold coins. His talk traced the coinage of the Lydiams down to the development of the dollar. Some of the evenings 11 exhibitors were: **Dr. Rackus** (Colonial currency, nail money, musket-ball money, lima-bean money, the first coin struck in America, Virginia tobacco money, two Polish medals, three Bryan medals, and lead coins from Borneo and Palembang'), **Mr. Cederlund** (42 pieces of gun-money from the crown to the sixpence from the reign of James II (1689-90), and 3 pieces of Limerick), **George Brown** (3 Chinese mule dollars), **Mr. Davis** (2 counterstamped Spanish dollars of George II), **Mr. Josephson** (20c piece of Chang Kai Shak, the new President of China), **Mr. Budvitis** (18 silver medals of famous German aviators), and **Mr. Lagerstrom** (a 1751 half daler of Swedish plate money from Adolph Frederick).

40 YEARS AGO **DECEMBER, 1949**

Popular books during 1949 were George Orwell's "1984", Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman", and " The Man with the Golden Arm", by Chicago novelist Nelson Algren, whose story of drug addiction topped the U.S. best seller list.

The 371st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held December 6, 1949, with 71 members and 6 guests present. **William Hoppe** was elected to regular membership and **Harold O'Connell, Jr.** was elected to junior membership. This being "Ladies Night", the women gave the following exhibits: **Ruth Green** (medals with portraits of ladies), **Mrs. Yeoman** (Playing cards with unusual backs), **Adeline Bebee** (5 large size notes with portraits of ladies), **Mrs. Jonas** (large

collection of spoons), **Marcella Sheldon** (commemorative coins and medals with corresponding commemorative stamps), and **Helen Brown** (small coins of the world).

20 YEARS AGO DECEMBER, 1969

Popular tunes of the day were Sylvester Stewart's "Hot Fun in the Summertime", John Lennon and Paul McCartney's "Get Back", and Bob Dylan's "Lay Lady Lay". "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" was a popular movie that year and so too was the song Burt Bacharach wrote, "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head".

The 611th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held December 10, 1969, at a dinner meeting without any program or exhibits. Announcements included the Club's proceeds from the C.S.N.S. show, $1,047.22 and from the P.N.G. show, $500.00.

1990 CHICAGO COIN CLUB DUES

Yes, it's that time of year again. Just as we finish up the stragglers from the year nearly past, a new year is upon us. While the holidays do have a tendency to drain our pocketbooks a little more than usual, why not take the time, right now, to pay your 1990 dues. The sooner this task is completed, the more time and paper you'll save your Secretary/Treasurer and Editor. While our costs have been rising (your dues barely cover the expense of the "Chatter") 1990 CCC dues have remained the same. Please provide the information below, so that we may verify our records.

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COCKTAILS AT 6:30 PM, COMPLIMENTS OF HARLAN BERK, LTD.
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